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Sarat Bose's Surprise For Mahatma

No Surrender To Gandhian Group?

HITCH OVER FORMATION OF WORKING COMMITTEE

Anand Bhawan Parleys: Rajen Babu Summoned By 'Phone

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, March 24.

FROM TALKS IN WELL informed quarters, I gather that Mahatma's visit to Allahabad has been prompted not by delay in the settlement of the Rajkot issue, but by letter said to have been received from Mr. Sarat Bose.

This letter, which reported to be five paged, reviews the position since Sjt. Subhas Bose stood for elections, examines the situation as it developed in Tripuri, culminating in Pt. Pant's resolution and the Congress mandate to the President to constitute the Working Committee in accordance with Gandhiji's wishes.

NO SURRENDER

WHILE THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER ARE KEPT SECRET, IT IS LEARNT THAT SJT. SARAT BOSE GIVES AN INKLING AS TO THE FUTURE, NAMELY, OF FIGHTING GANDHIAN GROUP AND NOT SURRENDERING TO THEM.

WHAT PRECISELY IT MEANS IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY, BUT HERE IT IS BEING INTERPRETED AS AN INCLINATION NOT TO BE BOUND BY MAHATMA'S ADVICE IN THE FORMATION OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE. THE SITUATION ARISING OUT OF SARAT BOSE'S LETTER WILL BE THE MAIN PURPORT OF THE ALLAHABAD TALKS TO-DAY BETWEEN MAHATMA, MAULANA AZAD AND PT. NEHRU AND IT IS REPORTED RAJEN BABU HAS BEEN SUMMONED THERE ON TELEPHONE.

MAHATMA'S DRAFT LETTER TO CONGRESS PRESIDENT?

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, March 24.

Considerable political significance attaches to the pourparlars among Gandhiji, Sardar Patel, Acharya Kripalani and Pt. Jawaharlal at Anand Bhawan.

Although one of the objects of Gandhiji's visit was to see Maulana Azad who has been lying with fractured leg here ever since his return from Tripuri, it appears now clear that the sole purpose was not to see Maulana Azad alone. The general impression left in political circles after discussion is that some matters of great moment connected with the formation of the new Working Committee and the Rajkot issue were discussed.

It seems, some hitch has arisen so far as the Rajkot issue is concerned and the delay in Sir Maurice Gwyer's Award is causing anxiety.

It appears the names of the members of the new Working Committee were tentatively discussed. Leaders appear to have viewed the present inter-regnum with anxiety. There is a rumour current here that some letter has been drafted with the consent of Gandhiji and it will be forwarded to the Congress President. Gandhiji returned this evening to Delhi and the haste with which leaders have departed from here shows the real centre of gravity still remains at Delhi.

The future Congress programme appears vitally linked up with the Award on Rajkot.

Apparently, leaders have something big up their sleeves wherein the international situation seems to play an important part.

THREAT TO WORLD PEACE.

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Cordell Hull has condemned German aggression in a statement in which he declares that the happenings in Europe have been of a nature which may seriously threaten the peace of the world.—Reuter.

CONGRESS EXECUTIVE

Next Move Lies With Bose: No Request Yet Made To Mahatma

ALLAHABAD, March 24.

As a result of the discussions among Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, Mr. Patel, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Acharya Kripalani, regarding the appointment of the Congress Working Committee, one central fact is being stressed that according to the terms of the resolution adopted at Tripuri, Mahatma Gandhi cannot suggest any names for appointment unless so requested by the President.

As the Congress President has not so far made the request, the question of submitting names to the President, it is stated, does not arise.

There appears to be unanimity of opinion that the next move lies with the President. In case, the President does not approach Gandhiji, the question will come up before the next meeting of the A. I. C. C.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who is still troubled by the injury to his left leg, will leave for Calcutta to-morrow evening.—A. P.

WILL MAHATMA VISIT BOSE?

JHARIA, Mar. 24.

Under instruction from Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, his Secretary, in the course of a statement, to the Associated Press this afternoon, contradicts a press report that Mahatma Gandhi was unable to visit Jamadoba because the doctors attending on Sjt. Subhas Chandra Bose had prohibited visitors, and adds, Dr. Sunil Bose, who is now in Calcutta has wired that he had no objection whatsoever to Mahatma Gandhi visiting Mr. Subhas Bose. The doctors now in attendance are also of the same view.

Mr. Bose's Secretary states that on coming to know of the Press report, he got into touch with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru over the telephone and was told that it was not possible for Mahatma Gandhi to proceed to Dhanbad as it was not in his programme. However, he had asked Pandit Nehru to convey to Gandhiji that the doctors had no objection to Gandhiji visiting Mr. Bose.—A. P.

Evils Of Drink—II

SMASH THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

Courtesy: Bombay Prohibition Propaganda Committee.

Sadhu Vasvani Jailed

Over 300 Arrests For Anti-Om Mandli Satyagraha

KARACHI, Mar. 24.

About 300 arrests were made in all to-day in connection with the anti-Om Mandli Satyagraha. The arrested persons have been confined in different police station lock-ups.

Ladies, including Mrs. Gopi Mangharam are confined in the Harbour Police Station.

Sadhu Vasvani leader and 25 others from among those arrested this morning were produced in the Additional Magistrate's Court in the afternoon. Sadhu Vasvani was awarded a fortnight's simple imprisonment in A Class and the others were sentenced to one month's simple imprisonment.

WOMEN VOLUNTEERS ARRESTED.

A late Karachi message says, after the arrest of the first batch, lady "Satyagrahis" attempted to take out a procession when they were also arrested and removed in a lorry.

The third batch of males, who defied the order, was also put under detention. Thus about 40 arrests were made, including 15 ladies. Prominent among them being Vishnu Sharma, Bapa Kishinchand and Ghanshayam Mirchandani.

The ladies, who were arrested, were taken to the residence of Mukhi Bagomal and released there. But they again came to the Khaliqdina Hall and defied the order and courted arrest.—United Press.

PROHIBITION PROPAGANDA

Gandhiji's Message To Dr. Gilder

Mahatma Gandhi has sent the following message to the Hon. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Excise, and Chairman, Prohibition Propaganda Board in connection with the Prohibition Propaganda Week starting on Saturday, the 25th instant:—

"I hope you will have a successful Prohibition Week. Bombay has the reputation of being the first City in India. It is also called the beautiful. May it be the first and really beautiful by going "Dry". I hope you will have the co-operation of the great Parsi community and the commercial classes in the measures that Government may adopt. Sardar joins me in this message and wishes me to add that he regrets he cannot be with you during the Week. Duty compels him to be here for some time."

Premier To Inaugurate Campaign At Chowpatty

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee write:—

The inaugural meeting of the "Prohibition Propaganda Week" will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) on the Chowpatty Sands. The Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, will inaugurate the Prohibition Campaign Volunteers belonging to various corps in the City are required to be present at Chowpatty at 5 p.m. (S.T.) sharp.

SUPPORT FOR BRITISH GOVT. IN CRISIS

TORONTO, Mar. 24.

The Ontario House of Commons passed a unanimous resolution declaring that "the present international crisis in Europe calls for immediate action on the part of component parts of the British Empire to support any action which may be necessary for the imperial Government to take" and petitioning to the Federal Parliament to pass immediate legislation so that in the event of war "the wealth and manpower of Canada shall be mobilised by a proclamation of the Governor-in-Council for the duration of war for the defence of our free institutions."—Reuter.

Soviet Arm In Far East

Construction Of Military Works Along Korean Border Reported

TOKIO, March 24.

Soviet military planes are reported to have flown six miles into Manchukuo.

A message from Korea claims that construction of military works by the Soviet along the Soviet-Korean border is vigorously proceeding.

A fortress of heavy artillery emplacements at Pushihtung to the north-east of the famous hill of Changkufeng is being built and further defence works behind the hill have already been completed.

SINO-SOVIET AIR SERVICE

CHUUNKING: An air service between China and Russia was inaugurated this morning. A Chinese 'plane left here and a Soviet plane left Alamutu for Hami in Sinkiang which is the common terminus.

JAPANESE 'PUTSCH'

TOKIO: Japanese troops are forcing their way along both banks of the Yellow River north of Chengchow, which is now threatened according to the Domei Agency.

TOKIO-BERLIN-ROME AXIS

TOKIO: A supplementary agreement has been signed between Manchukuo and Germany, providing most favoured nation treatment. The necessity of further strengthening relations between Japan, Germany and Italy is stressed in newspapers.—Reuter.

60,000 Troops Arrive At Han River Bank

SHANGHAI, March 23

Sixty thousand Japanese Troops have arrived to reinforce those on the east bank of the Han river.

Ships loaded to capacity are hurrying between Shanghai and Ningpo in anticipation of possible Japanese landing there.

There is apprehension that the Japanese landing is inspired by movements of warships and transports.—Reuter

KAUNAS.—Several thousand refugees from Memel-land have reached Lithuanian towns.

World Front Against German Aggression

BRITISH PRESS URGES RESOLUTE ACTION

Poland's Difficulties Call For Three-Power Declaration

LONDON, MARCH 24.

THE SPEEDY FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL FRONT AGAINST GERMAN AGGRESSION IS URGED BY NEWSPAPERS.

TIME FOR ACTION HAS COME!

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "It behoves us to fix once for all the line where we shall intervene with all our resources the moment it is transgressed. The sooner we fix it and the more resolute our commitment to defend it, the less likely will be the transgression and general conflagration we would fain avert."

The paper adds: "Ill-defined or half-hearted commitments will only encourage Herr Hitler's ambitions without improving general security. The dangers of delay are well illustrated by the German-Rumanian Trade Agreement, which in effect subjugates Rumanian economy to the convenience of Germany and can hardly fail to lead to an analogous political subservience.

DANGER IN DELAY.

"The Daily Herald" urges that delay in issuing the joint declaration of future policy is dangerous and may serve as a direct incitement to further action by Herr Hitler, who will misread it as weakness.

"The Herald" admits Poland's difficulties and urges a Three-Power declaration should be issued immediately by Britain, France and Russia to be followed immediately by a conference of others in London or elsewhere, to which Poland should be invited to decide methods by which the terms of the declaration will be implemented in the event of German aggression in East or West. Once the agreement is reached, other nations could be invited to participate.

ASSURANCE TO POLAND.

"The News Chronicle" says that Poland should have a categorical promise from Britain and France that if she is the victim of aggression they will fight in the West. In such an undertaking aggression would be understood to cover not only an open act of war but the fomenting of internal disruption or presentation of demands backed by threats. The paper adds that not a moment should be lost in giving those binding undertakings by which alone a Peace Front can be brought into being.

STABILISATION OF NEW EUROPE

ROME: "If Britain wishes to punish Germany then a war is inevitable," writes the newspaper "Telegrafo." It adds: "If Britain merely wishes to organise a safety system to prevent surprises in the future, then she will be wise not to persist in a policy of encirclement and accept the liquidation of the past.

Italy who desires peace and a peaceful solution of all topical questions may have an important role to play in the stabilisation of the new Europe, but the mistake should not be made again of supposing that she can be frightened, driven or swindled.

Dealing with France the "Telegrafo" says: "The bridges are not burned. It must be obvious, however, that it is not with a reiterated "never, never" that the questions raised in the Note to France in December can be disposed of."—Reuter.

Germany's New Finance Plan

BERLIN, March 24.

Herr Hitler arrived back at Swinemuende on "Deutschland" this morning.

NEW FINANCE PLAN

A new finance plan providing for advance payments by trade and industry on future tax payments is announced. The object of the plan is to enable the Government to finance extraordinary expenditure.—Reuter.

TAXATION BONDS.

Taxation bonds will be issued in recognition of advance payments, but no interest will be payable. It is officially explained that the plan will serve to finance the Reich towns, railways, posts, motor-roads and other juridical organisations.

Trade and industry will be obliged to take these taxation bonds. Only in exceptional cases will Reich Loans be issued.

As from May delivery of bonds which have so far been used by the Reich and other authorities as a means of payment will be abolished.

Certain concessions will be granted in connection with the taxation bonds: drop in revenue resulting from these will be made good mainly by additional income and "cuts" in public authorities expenditure.

The additional income-tax will affect incomes from 2,400 marks per year and upward.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

SIND CABINET RESIGNATIONS

KARACHI, March 24.

The Sind Ministerial situation took a serious turn this afternoon when two Hindu Ministers, Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani and Mr. Diamal Doulatram, tendered their resignation to the Governor.

Mr. R. K. Sidhva's censure motion after two day's debate, was defeated by 31 votes the two Hindu Ministers voting against it. —A.P.

JAPANESE PROTEST.

TOKIO, Mar. 24.

The Foreign Office has protested to the Soviet Government against the "Anti-Japanese speeches" at the Communist Party Congress and attention is drawn to the necessity of promoting friendly relations between Japan and Russia "who have so many questions pending between them."—Reuter.

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68. FLATS TO LET

To Let—at Meher-Abad, Marine Drive, Churchgate Reclamation, facing sea, excellent three bedroom flat, fully equipped and up-to-date. Unrivalled view and situation. Apply on premises, or P. Master on phone No. 23217. (11542)

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(Sd.) C. R. DESAI,
Municipal Engineer,
Ahmedabad Municipality.
Municipal Office.
Ahmedabad.
22nd March 1939. (10864)

Legal Notices

NOTICE

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ALL that piece or parcel of Fazandari land with the messuage, tenement, or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Nikadvari Oart, near Kandewadi Lane, Girgaum Division, containing by admeasurement (189) One hundred and eighty nine square yards or thereabouts and bearing (New) Laughton's Survey No. 1/7745 Part and Cadastral Survey No. 111 of Girgaum Division, and which said premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 861 and Street No. 11 H and are bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards East by a Public Passage leading to Kandewadi Lane, on or towards the West by the property of Chhotalal Hemubhai Mehta and Rameshchandra Chhotalal Mehta; on or towards the North by the property of Goswami Shri Ghansyamlalji Maharaj and on or towards the South by the property of Narayan Arjun Seth Dere.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1939.

MANGALDAS I. AMIN,
Advocate for the Purchaser. (10847)

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

THE VICTORIA GARDENS will be CLOSED to the public on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1939.

By Order of the
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
D. I. AHMADI,
Superintendent,
Municipal Gardens.

Victoria Gardens Office,
Dated, 24th March, 1939.

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai MANECKBAI FRAMJI CAMAJI CAMA, widow and administratrix of the estate of Framji Camaji Cama, Bai PIROJBAI FARDUNJI PANDAY, Bai BHICAJI CAMAJI CAMA and Bai MEHERBAI JAMSHEDJI PESSIKAKA, all of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell to our client, free from encumbrances, the undermentioned property. All persons having any claim or interest to or in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, inheritance, residence, use, trust, maintenance, possession, mortgage, lease, lien, charge or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Ebrahim Building, 6 Bell Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered as having been absolutely waived and abandoned.

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ALL those pieces or parcels of land or ground situate in the village of Gundavli, Bombay Suburban District, in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, District Bombay Suburban, containing by admeasurement 6341 (Six thousand three hundred and forty-one) square yards or 36 3/4 gunthas or thereabouts (but according to the Conveyance dated 24th January, 1910, 6468 square yards) and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue Bombay Suburban Division under Old Survey No. 24, Falni No. 2, New Survey No. 24A and bearing Hissa No. 3 part Government assessment whereof is (Re. 1-12-8.) Rupee one annas twelve and pies eight and bounded, on or towards the North partly by the property of Rustomji Edalji Mody and partly by the property of Kaikhushru M. Mehta and another, on or towards the West by the property of Rustomji Edalji Mody, on or towards the South by the property of Bezonji Shapurji Madan and partly by the property of the said Kaikhushru M. Mehta and on or towards the East by the property of Kaikhushru M. Mehta and others.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1939

LAKHIA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 10865.

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NOTICE.

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Dated this 23rd day of March, 1939.

DHRU & CO.,
Attorneys for Sha Amratlal Dahyabhai, Tha. Amratlal Jivraj and Nemchand Chunilal.

10861.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits (estate & effects) of Ratanlal Harilal Dalal of Bombay Hindu inhabitant residing at Devkinandan Maharaj Building, Chandanwadi, without the Fort of Bombay. .. Deceased.

SURAJLAXMI alias LILAVATI, widow of Ratanlal Harilal Dalal deceased, residing at Devkinandan Maharaj building, Chandanwadi, without the Fort of Bombay. ... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Petitioner abovenamed.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and in the third year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

R. B. PATEL.
Prothonotary and Senior Master

TAHIR ALI.

The 24th day of March, 1939.

Messrs. GHULAMALI, NOORANI & CO., Petitioner's Attorneys. (10867)

Public Notices

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT DEPARTMENT BOMBAY.

APPLICATION FOR A POST OF RESEARCH ASSISTANT.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a post of Research Assistant in the Agricultural Credit Department on a salary of Rs. 100 p. m. in the scale of pay Rs. 100-15/2-175 under the Bank's Staff Regulations. Candidates with special qualifications or experience may be started on a higher salary.

2. Candidates should possess high academic qualifications and practical experience in banking and/or co-operation as well as a working knowledge of modern foreign languages. They should ordinarily be under 30 years of age on 1st April 1939.

3. The selected candidates will be required to present themselves for interview at Bombay at their own expense.

4. Applications in candidates' own hand writing giving full particulars of age, qualifications and experience together with copies of testimonials should reach the Officer-in-Charge, Agricultural Credit Department not later than 1st April 1939.

5. The Bank does not undertake to acknowledge the receipt of applications unless a stamped and addressed envelope is sent by the applicant and will not enter into correspondence regarding them. (10858)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1560 of 1931.

MAHARAJADHIRAJA KAMESHWARA SINGH BAHADUR, of Darbhanga ..... Plaintiff.

Vs.

AZIZ BURJORJI SHROFF and others ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 19th December, 1934 and Judge's Order, dated 18th October, 1937, the following immovable properties will be sold in Lots Nos. I and II by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his office in the Court House:

Lot No. I—On THURSDAY, 30th March, 1939, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.)

Lot No. II—On FRIDAY, 31st March, 1939, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.)

LOT NO. I.

All that piece of Leasehold land together with the buildings standing thereon at Pedder Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring about 2558 square yards and bearing New Survey No. 7096 and Municipal D Ward No. 3473 (1) Street No. 9 and D Ward No. 3495 (2), Street No. 7 and Cadastral Survey No. 1/738 Malabar Hill Division.

LOT NO. II.

FIRSTLY:—All that half share of the Mortgagor in all that piece of land of the pension and Tax Tenure together with dwelling houses thereon, situate at Pedder Road, Cumballa Hill, without the Fort of Bombay admeasuring 238 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Land Revenue Old Nos. 17, 355 and 661, New Nos. 88, A/2226 and B/3000, Old Survey No. 81, and New Survey Nos. 7094, 2/7095, and A/7114 and Cadastral Survey No. 1/741 Malabar Hill Division and Municipal D Ward Nos. 3449, 3450 (1-2) and 3455 and Street Nos. 4, 5, 5A and 10.

SECONDLY:—All that piece of land of the pension and Tax Tenure subsequently redeemed together with dwelling houses thereon situate at Pedder Road, Cumballa Hill without the Fort of Bombay admeasuring 9970 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Land Revenue Old Nos. 17 and 355, New Nos. 88 and A/2226, Old Survey No. 81 and New Survey No. 7094 and 2/7095 and Cadastral Survey No. 739 and 3/738 Malabar Hill Division and Municipal D Ward No. 3473 (1) and Street No. 5.

THIRDLY:—All that piece of land of the Pension and Tax Tenure together with the dwelling houses thereon, situate at Pedder Road now Carmichael Road, without the Fort of Bombay, admeasuring 2978 1/4 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Land Revenue Old No. 638 New No. 2941, Old Survey No. 81 and New Survey No. 7087 and Cadastral Survey No. 3/736, Malabar Hill Division and Municipal D Ward No. 3541 (1) and Street No. 6.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. Jehangir Gulabhai and Bilimoria Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at No. 14, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 2nd day of February 1939.

(Sd.) G. R. KHAIRAZ,
Commissioner.
10859.

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1136 of 1937.

Bai JAMNABAI, widow of Manji Keshavji ..... Plaintiff.

Vs.

RAMKRISHNA BALABHAI PAUDWAL, and Ors. ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 26th July, 1938, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Hon'ble Court at his office in the Court House on Tuesday 28th March, 1939 at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.)

PARTICULARS.

ALL THAT piece of pension and tax land together with the three chawls standing thereon and situate in Uranker's Wadi, Mugbhat Street, without the Fort of Bombay, admeasuring 1683.35 square yards or thereabouts bearing New Survey No. 7578 (part) and Cadastral Survey No. 369 of Girgaon Division and Municipal "D" Ward No. 622, Street No. 3, D Ward No. 623 (2), Street No. 4 D Ward No. 624, Street No. 5 (vacant plot formerly occupied by a shed now demolished) D Ward No. 625 (2), Street No. 5-A together with the right of using all the common passages which are enjoyed by the Mortgagors and their cousins Anant Madhavrao Paudwal and Ors. in common.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, application should be made at the office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. BHAISHANKER KANGA AND GIRDHARLAL, Attorneys for the plaintiff abovenamed, at Albert Building, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1939.

(Sd.) G. R. KHAIRAZ,
Commissioner.
10853.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership heretofore subsisting between our clients (1) SHA AMRATLAL DAHYABHAI, (2) Tha. AMRATLAL JIVRAJ and (3) NEMCHAND CHUNILAL, carrying on business at Capitol Cinema Building, Bombay under the style name and firm of Noble Trading Co., has been DISSOLVED by mutual agreement as from the date hereof and that the said Sha Amratlal Dahyabhai will hereafter carry on business under the style name and firm of Noble Trading Co., at the said place as sole proprietor thereof.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1939.

DHRU & CO.,
Attorneys for Sha Amratlal Dahyabhai, Tha Amratlal Jivraj and Nemchand Chunilal.

10862.

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF MODERN FURNITURE.

Messrs BENNETT & CO., will Tomorrow SUNDAY, the 26th March 1939, at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) at Queens Mansion near Marine Lines Station, sell by public auction Modern drawing, dining and bed room furniture etc. property of Mr. F. R. Merchant Asst. Commissioner of Income Tax, leaving Bombay, and others.

Furniture is on view.

BENNETT & CO.,

J. S. MODY & CO.

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW SUNDAY MORNING THE 26TH INSTANT AT 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) in the shop known as Oriental Carpet Depot of the late Mr. Mahemed Cassim in Pratt Buildings, Near Fiat Motor Service, Hughes Road, by J. S. MODY & CO., Auctioneers by order of the parties concerned, of the stock-in-trade of rare and Antique Curios comprising of Copper inlaid vases and plates, bronze vases, copper, brass and lacquered Idols, Old Chinaware, Jars, plates, Persian Hookas, Cashmere shawls, ivory curiosity, Persian, Bokhara and Numda carpets, shop furniture, electric fans etc.

The above goods are on view.

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AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a. m. (S. T.) at Hughes Road, Opp. Messrs. Hyland Co. of Complete Household Furniture, Rajvanshi Zula, Godrej & Chubb Safes, Persian Hall Carpets, Remington & Royal Typewriters, Gramophone, Singer Machine, Chesterfield Sets, Piano, Ward Robes, Wrist Watches, E. Fans and Chandeliers etc.

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AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY: Friday.

A battle royal was waged between the Counsel on both sides regarding "the modesty and beauty" of a college-girl, in the Court of Mr. M.A.F. Coelho, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Court, on Friday morning.

Miss Sulochana Kamuram charged an employee of the G.I.P. Railway with having used criminal force knowing it likely that her modesty may be outraged thereby.

Mr. Joachim Alva, Advocate for the accused, made a special application to the Court for the hearing of the case and its early disposal. He stated that this was a pure blackmailing stunt.

Mr. Digaskar, Advocate for the complainant, said he would prove the case to the hilt. Mr. Joachim Alva declared that ample defence evidence would be led to disprove the charge.

The Court asked whether a compromise was not possible whereby a declaration by the accused to the effect that his movements were not intended to molest the complainant could be made by the accused. Mr. Joachim Alva expressed the unwillingness of the accused to compromise as he wanted to fight out the case and prove his innocence.

The Court promised that the hearing of the case would be taken up on the next occasion.

The case was adjourned to 28th April next.

Sensational Developments In Cheating Case Involving Many Lakhs

Mr. Forbes, the Australian Financier, who was required in his country on charges of cheating to the extent of many lacs of rupees is alleged to have left the shores of Bombay on the 18th for an unknown destination.

According to Mr. Bentley, the landlord of the Bentley Hotel, with whom Mr. Forbes was putting up, he left on the evening of the 18th.

Sergeant Moore in an application in the Court said that he had come to know about Forbes' leaving Bombay only this morning and he was in receipt of further information that Mr. K. Godby, an Australian who stood surety for him went by last night's P. & O. Boat to Australia. He is said to have left only one Trunk.

Detective Inspector Nye, of the Australian Police, said he saw him on board the ship and by now he should be on the High Seas. He could not be stopped as there was no ground on which he could have been stopped.

Mr. Eastley, of Little and Co., the accused's solicitor, opposed the application on the ground that his client's bail bond was unconditional and he was under no obligation to give his address or whereabouts if he chose to shift from his hotel. Moreover, it was his contention that the accused had deposited the substantial sum of Rs. 5,000 in the Court as a surety against his appearance on the due date.

Mr. Khandalawala, agreed that the bail was unconditional, but the moral obligation was implicit in the matter, that Mr. Forbes would not leave the jurisdiction of the Court without permission.

Mr. Khandalawala issued an immediate summons against Mr. Bentley to be present in the Courts in the afternoon with the hotel register.

WARRANT OF ARREST

Arguments were continued in

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SEVENTH WEEK

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BARBARA STANWYCK'S EARLY AMBITION WAS TO BECOME A FOREIGN MISSIONARY..... BUT THE CLOSEST SHE CAME TO IT WAS WHEN SHE TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN, N.Y.
2-15

TO-DAY ON RADIO

Delhi—I Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc|s)

8 a.m. Rahimuddin Khan. 8-25 Radio Orchestra: Bilawal. 8-35 Afzal Husain. 9-10 Benazirbai. 9-30 Instrumental Duet. 9-40 Valayat Khan.

12 Noon Nadiya Kinare. Koel & Papiha. Ghazals.

1 p.m. Melody Mosaic. 2 School Broadcast. 6-10 Benazirbai. 6-25 Hori Kafi on Sitar and Jaltarang. 6-30 Valayat Khan. 6-45 Indu Bhushan Deb. 6-50 Afzal Husain. 7-15 For Villagers Only. 8 My Best Poems, by Josh Malihabadi. 8-15 Radio Orchestra: Lalit Gauri. 8-25 Rahimuddin Khan. 9 Gat Ghara on Violin by P. S. Mukerji. 9-5 Benazirbai. 9-50 Afzal Husain. 10 Art in Schools, 2, by Sudhir Khastgir. 10-15 Valayat Khan. 10-30 Benazirbai. 10-45 Rahimuddin Khan.

Delhi—II Programme

31.3 metres (9,590 kc|s)

8 to 10 a.m. and 12 noon to 2-45 p.m. As in Delhi 1.

60.48 metres (4,960 kc|s)

6 p.m. to 7-15 As in Delhi 1. 7-15 Sangeet Ratan Rahimuddin Khan of Indore. 7-40 Benazirbai. 8 to 9-50 As in Delhi 1. 9-50 Paris Opera Orchestra. 10 As in Delhi 1. 10-15 Lina Chappell: Solo Piano. 10-38 Eileen Leete: Soprano.

Delhi—III Programme

19.62 metres (15,290 kc|s)

8 to 10 a.m. and 12 noon to 2-45 p.m. As in Delhi 1.

31.3 metres (9,590 kc|s)

6 p.m. to 11 As in Delhi 2

Peshawar Programme

200 metres (1,500 kc|s)

7 p.m. With villagers. 8 to 11 As in Delhi 1.

Bombay—I & II Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc|s)

31.4 metres (9,550 kc|s)

8 to 10 a.m. and 12 noon to 2-45 As in Delhi 1.

244 metres (1,231 kc|s)

61.48 metres (4,880 kc|s)

6 p.m. to 11 As in Delhi 2.

Calcutta—I Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).

370.4 metres (810 kc|s)

12-30 p.m. Variety. 1-17 Dance music. 1-30 For You, Madam! By Pandit A. Shastri. 2-5 Saturday Fun! 5 Our Food, 2: Oil. 6 Surajprosad Sreevastava. 6-20 Parula Chakravarti. 6-40 Rupavisar: By Dhirendra Chandra Mitra and Party. 8-5 Books of the Month (Bengali), by Dr. Sukumar Sen. 9-10 Comedy Stars. 9-35 Dance music.

Calcutta—II Programme

31.48 metres (9,530 kc|s)

12-30 to 2-30 As in Calcutta 1.

61.98 metres (4,840 kc|s)

5 to 9-10 As in Calcutta 1. 9-10 For Oriya Listeners. 9-45 to 10-30 As in Calcutta 1.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc|s)

5 p.m. Shrimati P. S. Sundarambal: Vocalist. 5-30 K. Y. Swami: Flute. 6 Classics. 6-30 S. R. Govindaswami and Brothers: Nagaswaram. 7 Carnatic Orchestra: Adana. 7-15 Bridging the Gulf. 7-30 T. L. Venkatarama Iyer: Vocalist. 8-30 Classics in Cameo. 9 News and Weather report. 9-20 In High Court of Humanity. 9-35 A day in Country. 10 Olive Hartnett. 10-15 Gipsy music. 10-30 Epilogue.

Madras—II Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc|s)

5 to 6 As in Madras 1. 6 Devotional Ditty. 6-10 Ryot and Indebtedness (Tamil) by T. A. Ramalingam Chettiar. 6-20 Kamba Ramayanam. 6-30 to 9-35 As in Madras 1. 9-35 S. Padmanabha Iyer. Vocalist (Tamil).

Lahore—Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc|s)

6 p.m. Feroz Nizami. 6-20 Badr-un-Nisa of Santokhgarh. 6-30 For Countryside. 7-15 Bashir Begam. 7-25 Badr-un-Nisa of Santokhgarh. 7-45 Story of Two Generations, 6. 8 Mar-i-Asteen (Hindustani), by Rafi Peer. 9 Bashir Begam. 9-45 Interlude. 9-50 Roshan Lal Bhatnagar. 10-5 Bashir Begam. 10-15 Mauseeki-i-Sahra. 10-25 Mixed Melodies. 10-40 Bashir Begam.

Lucknow—Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc|s)

6 p.m. Munnibai of Arrah. 6-20 Records. 6-45 Abbas Hussain Khan. 7 For Children. 7-30 Mohammad Ismail. 7-40 Munnibai of Arrah. 8 Clothes (Hindustani), by Bije Jawala Singh. 8-15 Abbas Hussain Khan. 8-30 Nur-i-Jahan. 8-50 Munnibai of Arrah. 9-50 English Social Life in India during 18th Century, by Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan. 10-5 Popular European music.

B. B. C. Programme

7-30 p.m. Reginald Dixon. 7-50 Introduction To:— 8 Il Trovatore. 8-20 Evelyn Dove. 9-30 News, Saturday Sport. 9-55 Luton Band.

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the afternoon. An assistant of the P. & O. Shipping Company and Mr. Bentley of the Bentley's Hotel, gave evidence and a warrant was issued for the arrest of John Woolcott Forbes.

Mr. Bentley said that he had discovered the departure of Mr. Forbes after he left, and that through Godby he learnt that he was expected to have gone to Delhi.

Sensational Raid On Rooms Off Kandewadi

On a report that clandestine prostitution was being carried on on a large scale in Room No. 25 on the first floor of Surajmal Nemanee Building, off Kandewadi and that supply of women and young girls to men of different castes was going on, a raid was arranged yesterday evening.

Some marked coins were handed over to a bogus customer with instructions to go to the room. When a signal from him was received the place was raided.

Kasturbai, daughter of Kalidas (50) was seen standing in room No. 23 on the same floor she was called and on being questioned produced Rs. 3 !

She was arrested and was ordered to be under police custody for 14 days. She was allowed bail by Mr. K. J. Khambatta. Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, today.

BARODA.—The Government of Baroda have sanctioned the opening of an independent A. V. School for girls at Patan with an initial expenditure of Rs. 4,000 and a recurring expenditure of Rs. 5,436 per year.

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WELTER-WEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION BEATEN

Ernis Roderick Knocks Out Jake Kilrain In Seventh Round

LONDON, March 23.

Ernis Roderick (10st. 5lb.) the Liverpoolian won the British Welter-Weight title at Liverpool, today, by knocking out the holder Jake Kilrain (10st. 6lb.) of Glasgow, in the 7th round of a 15 round fight.

The winner meets Henry Armstrong for the World Welter-Weight title in London on May 22.

Roderick, who was pronounced the favourite, started confidently left jabbing Kilrain's nose and mouth. The Scot continued rushing tactics, eventually launching a heavy 5th round attack which worried Roderick.

The winner fought back savagely in the 6th round and downed Kilrain with a right to the Jaw.

Kilrain landed a heart blow in the 7th round, but Roderick downed him with another right. Kilrain then mis-judged the count and was counted out while resting on one knee.—Reuter.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING IN CALCUTTA

Arthur Suares To Meet Frank Malinao In A Title Bout

(From Our Correspondent)

CALCUTTA, March 23.

Arthur Suares, the Light-heavyweight Boxing Champion of India, will meet Frank Malinao, Light-heavy-weight champion of Japan, in a 10-round title bout, at the Globe Theatre, on Friday, March 31.

The pair fought a 10-round contest in Ceylon about three years ago and Suares won on a very narrow verdict on points.

Frank Malinao, who gave Gunboat Jack a hard fight last year is confident of winning the fight by the knock-out rout.

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World Of Sport: Home And Abroad

Success Of Bombay Provincial Hockey Championship

(By Looker On)

The Bombay Provincial Hockey Association may well congratulate itself on the splendid success their knock-out tournament—the Provincial Championship—has attained within such a short time as two years. When the final matches were played at the Bombay Gymkhana ground—the venue had to be changed owing to the transfer of the stands from the Association Ground to the Azad Maidan—"the house was quite full". The main reason for it was that the gate charges were reasonably low. They suited every pocket. Consequently, hockey fans flocked in their thousands to enjoy the fare and to support their favourite sides. They could not have done so, even if they had the will and desire, were the charges a little higher. Every sporting body in the City would do well, I repeat to emulate the example of the B.P.H.A. I am sure they will have no cause to be sorry for it. They will find they have made more money in the end than they would have done, or have been doing, with high gate-charges. In any case, they will have the satisfaction of providing entertainment for many more people than they have been doing of late.

LUCKY G.I.P.

The G.I.P. Railway won the championship in the replay, but they were lucky to do so. Early in the game, the Kirkee custodian presented them with a brace of goals which proved a heavy handicap for the visiting side. Still they had the better of the exchanges and gave the Railway defence many an anxious moment. Unfortunately for the United, Tyrell, their centre-forward, was not in his best colours and he missed several golden chances of scoring. The Railway also were put at a disadvantage owing to an injury to their crack shot and leader, Latif, who became more or less a passenger towards the latter part of the game. On the whole the defence on both sides played their part well and held the attackers at bay. Nonetheless the game was exciting till the last. The Kirkee players, after reducing the margin carried on a vigorous campaign against their intrepid rivals, but they failed to find the net a second time. While every sympathy was felt for this attractive side on their defeat, the G.I.P. received all praise for upholding the prestige of Bombay.

WEIGHT-LIFTING IN MATUNGA

A few years ago, weight-lifting was almost the craze of the younger generation of this city as of other places in India. It seems to have fallen from their favour of late. Whenever any competition is arranged, entries refuse to come in large numbers. Consequently the events have to be dropped. Last Sunday, the Matunga Athletic Club arranged a competition and it is gratifying to note that it was well-supported by competitors and spectators alike. The striking feature of the day was the performance of M. P. Krishna who broke the All-India record in the Catchweight class by totalling 611 pounds in the three Olympic lifts. The other Sections did well too, but they could not touch or overhaul any previous records. Unless there are more competitions and frequent trials, it will not be possible to reach the highest standard. In view of the fact that the next All-India Olympic meet will be held in Bombay, the local weight-lifters should get busy, so that they may hold their own against visiting rivals.

PLUMS OF PROFESSIONALISM

How profitable the conversion of Donald Budge, the former Tennis Champion of the world, to professionalism has been to him may be gauged from the fact that he earned more than £15,000 in a series of 39 matches with Ellsworth Vines during his first season. The total receipts of the tour was £40,000. And Budge claimed the honours of the contests by defeating his rival 22 times to 17. The redhaired Californian now stands at the top of the Lawn Tennis world, both amateur and professional, having conquered everybody in both the spheres. There is no doubt that Budge will make a fortune by the time he retires from the business. His success has now induced Von Cramm, the German Ace, to try his luck in this trade. He is sure to receive tempting offers ere long. Although his defection would impoverish the amateur world and enrich the professional ranks, the rulers of Lawn Tennis are not likely to view it seriously. "Champions may come and champions may go, but they will remain adamant for ever"—that is their motto at the moment. But the times are moving so fast in every sphere that the revolution may come much sooner than they may even dream of.

Aga Khan Hockey Tournament

THREE UMPIRES CONTROL ONE GAME

There were three games scheduled for Friday evening, the Khattau Sports Club and the two strings of the Bombay Gymkhana making their exit from the Tournament.

The match between the Khattau Sports Club and Bhimraj S. C. provided an unprecedented case of three referees participating in the control of one game, umpires Dowson and Scott first taking the field with the teams, and J. Pinto relieving the former after the game had been in progress for a good seven minutes.

The Bombay Gymkhana "A" team supplied a vivid contrast to their previous essay, and although beaten, treated the spectators to a surprising exhibition of the finer points of the game.

AN UGLY INCIDENT.

An ugly incident, however, deprived the Gymkhana of the sympathy that should have been theirs; and its mention—reluctant as it is necessary—is actuated solely by the interests of all true Sport and sportmanship.

Midway in the second, a Gymkhana forward was seen lifting his stick against a Christ Church defender. The forward in question was hit, badly perhaps, by an opposing full back in the process of clearing; this was obviously accidental, and retaliation was unjustifiable.

THE GAMES

Khattau Sports Club v/s Bhimraj Sports Club

This encounter was rather patchy, a few good moves alternating with long spells of unattractive play. Ten minutes from commencement, and after several opportunities had been missed, Bhimraj drew first blood through L. Tambe, whose reverse stroke sent the ball a few inches past the goal line; and then 7 minutes before half time, Adam put Khatau's on level terms.

In the second period of play, Jadhav helped Bhimraj to regain their lead with a well-placed shot, and a little later L. Tambe added the third after a brilliant individual effort.

Result:—

BHIMRAJ S. C. 3 goals
KHATTAU S. C. 1 goal

The Teams:—

BHIMRAJ S. C.: Porsirkar; Kadam and More; Vaidya, Mohite and Freitas; Jadhav, L. Tambe, S. Tambe, Thapa and T. Tambe.

KHATTAU S. C.: Rao; Reuben and Michael; Fernandes, Benny and D'Souza; D'Lima, Kadri, Ullal, Adam and Ummer.

Bombay Gym. v/s Christ Church & Barnes Old Boys

When play had been in progress for about 15 minutes with more or less even exchanges. Peters got going on his own and found the boards of the Gymkhana goal with a neat shot. This reverse put the Gymkhana forwards on their mettle, and they attacked to such good purpose that Walsh equalised soon after Encouraged by his success, the Gymkhana settled down to real good hockey, and after a few brilliant long-passing movements, succeeded in obtaining the lead through Dowson, who scored with a lightning swipe from off a penalty corner.

The second half saw the Christ Church boys fighting to gain parity, and this they did through Coutts who scored off a rebound. White of Christ Church was now being seen to advantage, and after a good piece of work on his own put Peters in possession who brought his side's tally to three; and later, White put the issue beyond doubt by adding the fourth. Before final time, however, Dowson reduced the margin for the Gymkhana.

Result:—

CHRIST CHURCH AND BARNES OLD BOYS 4 goals
BOMBAY GYMKHANA 3 goals

The Teams:—

CHRIST CHURCH AND BARNES O. B.: Darham; T. D'Souza and Roberts; Thomas, Harper and Burnett; Dodd, Coutts, Whyte, Peters and Miskeith.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA: Kahn; Leigh and Butler, Shaw; Roberts, Summerhayes and Bigge; Wilson, Dowson, Papple, Walsh and Walker

UMPIRES: Messrs A. J. Francis and J. Tellis.

RESULT OF BOMBAY GYM "B" versus MANCHESTER MILLS

MANCHESTER MILLS 4 goals
BOMBAY GYM. "B" Nil.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

4-15 p.m. BHIMRAJ S. C. vs. MANCHESTER MILLS.

5-30 p.m. CATHEDRAL OLD BOYS vs. ST. XAVIERS "A".

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN).

Catholic Bandra has from today quite a busy week-end. Under the auspices of the Ladies' and the Men's Sodalities of St. Andrew's Church, and the St. Andrew's Ex-Students' Association, Bandra, free cinema shows of the life of Jesus Christ will be given at the St. Andrews High School, Hall.

BANDRA SCHOOL BOARD.

A special meeting of the newly elected School Board was held on Wednesday evening at the Bandra Municipal Hall when the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year was decided.

The present School Board, being very evenly divided between the Congress and the Independent Party, the election went through a very close contest between Mr. Rustom S. Bulsara (Independent) and Mr. Pandurang Patil (Congress). As Dr. P. A. Dias, the Mayor of Bandra who was in the chair not being a member of the School Board, had no votes, lots had to be cast and the issue was decided in favour of Mr. Bulsara.

In the election of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Bulsara, the new chairman cast his vote in favour of Mr. Krishna Patil who was elected.

Mr. Bulsara's re-election as chairman of the School Board is hailed throughout the Bandra Municipal area as he is known for the valuable services and rendered in the past years. Mr. Bulsara is a member of the Bandra Municipal Board from 1930. He was the Chairman of the School Board for eight years in succession. He was also the Chairman of the A. V. School Committee for the last four years.

NOTE TO MOTORISTS.

Watching the flowing of traffic along the Ghodbunder-Hill Road junction, I feel that a note of warning should be sounded before the place registers a disastrous accident.

Motorist would therefore do well to drive cautiously, at least when passing this junction. Better police 'bandobast' must be enforced and defaulting motorists must be charged if public life is not be endangered.

BARODA TENNIS TOURNAMENT

BARODA, March 23

Angelo Moses, a South Indian player, won two titles in the Baroda Union Gymkhana Tennis Tournament.

Results:—Men's Singles; Angelo Moses beat P. Dalal 6-1; 6-4. Men's Doubles: Angelo Moses and P. Khambatta beat Patel and S. Paradesi 6-2; 6-4.

Phalke Purse Fund Committee

The following contributions have been further received:—

Previously acknowledged Rs. 1,217; Palace Talkies, Bombay Rs. 25; Lamington Talkies, Bombay Rs. 25; Billimoria and Mehta, Bombay Rs. 25; Edward Cinema, Bombay Rs. 25; All India Theatres Syndicate Ltd Rs. 51; M. B. Billimoria Rs. 101; Kikubhai B. Desai Rs. 101; Central Talkies, Junagadh Rs 25; Bachubhai Raval Rs. 11; Derby Talkies, Bombay Rs. 25; Tamboli Talkies, Amalner Rs. 51; Maharashtra Theatres, Poona Rs. 10; Deccan Cinema, Hubli Rs. 25; Royal Talkies, Dhulia Rs. 11; New Globe, Warud Rs. 25; Regent Theatres, Nagpur Rs. 50; Krishna Talkies, Poona Rs. 25; total Rs. 1,828.

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LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

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Hightide: 2-03 14-51
Lowtide: 8-09 20-34
Sunrise: 6h. 40m.
Sunset: 6h. 51m.
Legislative Assembly, 8-30 a.m.
Municipal Schools Committee, 4-40 p.m.

'F' WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE

An urgent meeting of the Council of Management of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Committee's Office, Parel, Poibavdi.

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EXCELSIOR—"Pirates of the Skies." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Kentucky". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Nav-Jeevan". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
CAPITOL—"The Gaunt Stranger". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Sweethearts". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Ladies Only." Daily at 4-15, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Mother India". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
CENTRAL—"It's True". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
SUPER—"Hero No. 1". Daily at 4-45, 7-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bramhachari". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Dushman". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"The Rifle Girl". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Mayfair Melody". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Gopal Krishna". Daily at 4-45, 7-30 and 10-15 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
PLAZA—"Maza Mulga". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
WEST END—"Devata". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.

BYCULLA DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE

A monthly meeting of the Managing Council of the Byculla District Congress Committee will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the Committee's Office.

A monthly Flag salutation will be performed by Sjt. R. K. Achrekar on Sunday, the 26th instant at 8 p.m. (S.T.) at Committee's Office.

FLAG SALUATION IN "G" WARD

The monthly flag saluation in "G" Ward will be held at 8 a.m. to-morrow (Sunday) in the Office of the "G" Ward District Congress Committee. Sjt. I. S. Patel will unfurl the flag.

GHATKOPAR FLAG SALUTATION

The monthly flag salutation ceremony will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 8-15 a.m. (S.T.) in the Congress Chhavni.

PUBLIC MEETING AT ANDHERI

Under the auspices of the Andheri Residents' Association, a public meeting of the citizens of Andheri will be held on Sunday, the 26th instant at 8-30 a.m. at Gazder Hall to consider the following:

(i) To express opinion regarding the proposal of the "Greater Bombay."
(ii) To ventilate the grievances in connection with the Railway services.

KATHIAWAR PRAJAMANDAL

Secretary, Kathiawad Praja Mandal, write: The first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee of Kathiawar Praja Mandal will be held on 27th March at 5 p.m. at 138 Medows Street, Bombay.

SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Bombay North and Suburban Secondary Teachers' Association, Principal Joseph of the Government Institute of Physical Education at Kandivli, will deliver an address on "Physical Education in Secondary Schools" at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Dr. A. DeSilva High School, Dadar, to-day (Saturday).

BOMBAY YOUTHS' LITERARY AND DEBATING ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Association, Dr. N. N. Godbole, M.Sc., Ph.D., of the Benares Hindu University will give a public lecture (illustrated by lantern slides) on "What I saw in Japan" at 6-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday) at the Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga.

LITERACY CAMPAIGN

All Ward Enrolling Officers, Captains and Secretaries of Volunteer Corps, heads of Vyamsalas and others willing to help in enrolling volunteers for the Literacy Campaign are requested to be present at a meeting to be held at the Social Service League Hall, Servants of India Society's Home, today (Saturday) at 7 p.m. (S.T.).

KARNATAK ASSOCIATION

Under the joint auspices of the Kanara Saraswat Association, the Kanara Brotherhood and the Karnatak Association, a public meeting will be held in the Saraswat Association Hall today (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. (S.T.) when Mr. S. R. S. Raghavan, will speak on "Some Economic Problems of India."

BALKAN-JI-BARI

Khar Balkan-Ji-Bari children will meet at the Laxmi Nagar Hall at 7-45 a.m. on Sunday, the 26th instant and proceed to Vile Parle, where their friends of that branch will entertain them with a programme of stories, songs, dances, games, etc., in the Ishwardas Park at 8-30 a.m. Any children may join.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL MUSLIM LEAGUE

A public meeting to observe the 'Rajkot Day' will be held behind Mandvi Post Office, Mohamedali Road to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.). Sir Ali Mohammed Khan Dehlavi will preside.

Schools Committee Meeting

An ordinary meeting of the Schools Committee was held at the Corporation Hall, on Friday evening with Dr. Solanki in the chair.

The meeting considered business of quite routine character.

KAMGAR PROHIBITION LEAGUE

All the active members of the League are requested to come to the office at 7 a.m. sharp on Sunday the 26th inst. to go in batches for street corner meetings, throughout the City.

"G.I.P. RAILWAY LICENSED COOLIES' UNION"

A meeting of the Licensed Coolies of the G. I. P. Railway was held and a Union was formed with Advocate J. S. Savant as President, Messrs. D. K Jagtap, M.L.A., as vice-President and B. J. Ramay as General Secretary."

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT

That "Fast should not be used as a Political Weapon" will be the subject of a debate at Blavastky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. Mr. K. K Kapur will propose and Mr. R. S. Lopez will oppose the proposition. Mr. A. A. Zari will preside.

Mr. M. D. Japheth will speak on "The Way to World Peace" at 6 p.m., before the debate.

SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC

The weekly concert of the school will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. at the School Hall, Benam Lane, Bombay.

BAND AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS

The Band of St. Mary's High School will play a programme of music at the Victoria Gardens, Byculla, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) commencing at 6 p.m. (S.T.)

RAMACHANDRA BHAJANA SAMAJ

The fifth day of "Rama Navami Utsavam" will be celebrated today (Saturday) with usual Abishekam in the morning, Archana in the evening and Bhajana and Deepa-Pradikshanam at night from 8-30 to 12-30

LECTURE AT CONGRESS HOUSE

Mr. K. S. Venkatraman of Madras will deliver a lecture at the Congress House, Bombay, to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. Subject: A plan of work in the villages.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS HANDWORK EXHIBITION

The Exhibition of Handwork in Secondary Schools in the Bombay Division will be opened by Mrs. Hansa Mehta, M.L.C., at the Prarthna Samaj Hall, Girgaum, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. The Exhibition will remain open on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th of March from 2 p.m. on each day.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

H. E. Sir Roger Lumley, the Governor of Bombay will inspect the Bombay Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and distribute prizes at 5-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday) at Cooperage Maidan on the grounds of Western India Football Association. The public are cordially invited to attend the function

CHILDREN'S HEALTH DAY

Under the auspices of the Public Health Department, Bombay Municipality, School Children's Health Day will be celebrated to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. (B.T.) on the Gilder Tank Maidan, near Pannalal Terraces, Grant Road Station, when Dr. K. S. Mhaskar, Dr. R. K. Mhatre, Health Officer and Dr. V. R. Bhoosrath Senior Medical Inspector etc. dill address the gathering. An instructive and interesting film will be shown to the public on the occasion

ASTHIKA SAMAJ MATUNGA

The Asthika Samaj will hold Rama Navami celebrations as under:—

To-day (Saturday): Musical entertainment by South Indian Education Society's Girls between 5-30 to 7-0 p.m., and Harikatha-Kalakshepam on "Pathuka Pattabhishekam" by Sjt. Raghunatha Pattrachariar between 8-30 p.m. to 11-30 p.m.

To-morrow (Sunday): Musical entertainment by Smti. Bhawani Pandurangan from 5-30 to 7-0 p.m., by Miss Lakshmi from 4-15 to 5-30, by Miss Rajalakshmi and Miss Pattammal from 8-30 to 9-45 p.m. and musical variety from 9-45 to 11-30 p.m. by Mr. Anandarao of Mysore (flute), Mrs. Sushilabai (harmonium and vocal) and Miss Lalita (dance).

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY SOCIAL REFORM

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Bombay Presidency Social Reform Association in co-operation with the Social Service League, the Bombay Presidency Women's Council, the Prarthana Samaj, the Hind Mahila Samaj, Gujarati Hindu Stree Mandal, the Bhagini Samaj, the Gomantak Maratha Samaj, the Bombay Women's Association and Stree Jain Mahila Samaj will be held at the Blavatsky Hall, French Bridge, to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. to place on record the great loss sustained by the Social Reform Movement by the death of His late Highness Sir Sayajirao Gaikwad and to convey to the members of the ruling family at Baroda the public sympathy in its bereavement. Sir Sitaram Patkar, Kt., has kindly consented to preside. Diwan Bahadur K. M Jhaveri, Mr. K. Natrajan, Mr. Faiz Tyabjee, Mrs. Tarabai M. Premchand and others have consented to speak at the meeting. The public are cordially invited to attend.

'KURAN AND ITS TEACHINGS'

Under the auspices of the Kuranic Society, a public lecture will be delivered on "Kuran and its teachings" every Sunday in the premises of Anjum-e-Islam High School near Bori Bunder Station from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. (S.T.). All Muslims are cordially invited.

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION

The 21st annual general meeting of the members of the Commerce Graduates' Association will be held to-day (Saturday) at 3-15 p.m. at the Association Rooms.

Prize To Author Of Life Of Chandavarkar

The Deccan Vernacular Translation Society of Poona has given a prize of Rs. one hundred to the Life of Sir Narayan Chandavarkar written in Marathi by Mr. D. G. Vaidya, Editor of the "Subodha Patrika" and Secretary of the Prarthana Samaj, Bombay.

POSTAL NOTICE

Registered and Unregistered correspondence other than letters and postcards for Australia and New Zealand per s.s. "Otranto" via Madura and Colombo will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 8-30 and 9 a.m. respectively on Wednesday the 29th instant.

NATIVE STOCK AND SHARE BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

In our issue of Friday under the caption "New Board of Directors of the Native Stock and Share Brokers' Association, the name of one director is wrongly put as "Sjt. Chunilal D. Bhimji". It should be read as Sjt. Chunilal Devkaran Nanji.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

His Excellency, the Governor of Bombay will inspect the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, No. 3 District, Bombay, on the Cooperage Football Ground at 6 p.m. to-day (Saturday).

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Social Gathering to be held to-day (Saturday) has been cancelled for unavoidable reasons. The annual general meeting will however, take place at 3-15 p.m. to-day (Saturday) as arranged.

NEW MODEL SCHOOL

The Parents' Day and Prize distribution ceremony of the New Model High School, behind Chinch Bunder Post Office, Dongri Road will be held on Sunday, the 26th instant at 5-45 p.m.

Government House News

The Lady Marjorie Erskine, Major G. H. Cole, Captain E. T. R. Jenyns, Miss Hamilton, Lady Winefride Elwes and Miss Elwes arrived at Government House.

Lady Lumley visited the Social Service Centre at Naigaum.

The Governor of Bombay visited the King George V Infirmary and the Lady Dhunbai Jehangir Home for the Destitute at Parel.

Lady Lumley presided at the annual general meeting of the Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare Society at the Secretariat.

INDIAN MERCHANTS CHAMBER

Protest Against Appointment Of Assistant Commissioners

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber have sent the following telegram to the Finance Department of the Government of India:—

"New Section 5 (2) Indian Income-tax Act provides that Central Government may appoint Commissioners of Income-tax not more than three in all. Committee Indian Merchants' Chamber presume it was intention of Government to appoint these three additional Commissioners from experienced cadre of Assistant Commissioners who have been in charge of Income-tax Department for appreciably long period. Unfortunately this has not been done and attention of Committee has been drawn to the proposed appointment of English civilian as one of special Commissioners for Bombay circle. If such O cer i to be appointed as Special Commissioner in Bombay or elsewhere in spite of assurance given because he belongs to I.C.S. the object of the creation of these responsible posts will be frustrated. Committee beg therefore to protest against Commissioners will be appointed from the cadre of trained and experienced Assistant Commissioners."

SUICIDE VERDICT

A suicide verdict was returned by the Coroner's Jury in the case of Manyaba Babaji, whose body was picked up on the G. I. P. Railway tracks on Wednesday near the Sewri Station. It was stated that the deceased was ailing for sometime.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the Coroner's Jury on the body of Haji Abdulla Farhad. He was run over by a lorry near the J. J. Hospital on the 16th instant.

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THE STRUGGLE IN THE STATES

Gandhiji's statement urging the suspension of the Satyagraha movement in Travancore till he advises its resumption is of great importance to the States in general. Indeed, his reasons for the suspension in Travancore apply to other States as well. They are that the Princes, having themselves been agitated over the tremendous awakening that has taken place among the people in the States, may well be given "some breathing time and an opportunity of thinking out their course of action free from the burden of dealing with civil resistance" and that it is also wise "to allow the recent Viceregal message to the Princes to work itself among them." Of special significance is Gandhiji's remark that in view of the "inhumanities" which he believes have been perpetrated in various States, he is "thinking out a new orientation of civil disobedience" and that for this purpose "he must have the quiet which can be produced only by suspension of civil disobedience wherever he is guiding it."

Follow Gandhiji's Advice

We must confess we have no illusions about the immediate result of the Princes being agitated about the States people's awakening or about their reaction to the Viceregal message. Neither the awakening nor such vague and halting messages are new. They have been there long enough but the Princes in general have not heeded them so far, and even now many of them seem to be only planning how to crush the awakening and evade the message. However, it appears that both the Princes and the Viceroy have pleaded for time and like a true Satyagrahi, Gandhiji accepts their 'bona fides' and has urged a suspension of the Satyagraha movement in the States in general. His advice deserves to be accepted scrupulously as indeed it has already been in Jaipur and Travancore and in several other States. Nothing will be lost thereby. If excitement cools down, so much the better for true Satyagraha. And if the Princes fail to respond worthily to the people's gesture of goodwill the people will be more convinced about the need for a fight to a finish and will acquire all the added strength given by such conviction. After all, the inventor and the successful regulator of Satyagraha these many years knows best its tactics; and the Congress itself having insisted on his leadership in all matters of policy and tactics, it behoves the people of every State to follow his advice scrupulously. Those who feel the need for a fight have only to prepare for probably a sterner fight than they now imagine. For Gandhiji is not only planning what he calls "a new orientation" of the Civil Disobedience Movement in the States but has also given a definite assurance that he will not "be long in coming to a final decision."

Tripuri Mandate

There is no knowing how soon that decision may come, and both the Congress and the States people have to be ready for the expected fight. And in view of the Tripuri resolution urging "an ever-increasing identification of the Congress with the States people," the Congress executive has to be ready for discharging a heavy responsibility. But it is a pity that owing to the Congress President's protracted illness, he has not yet been able to give effect to the Tripuri mandate to form the Working Committee in consultation with Gandhiji. We trust there are no further complications in the matter and there is no ground for the rumour that some extremists urge the President to evade or defy the mandate. We feel confident that he will sternly discountenance any such move. Indiscipline at the top is always disastrous, it is particularly so when the Congress executive is urged to guide mass action in the States and perhaps all over the country. We earnestly hope that the President will allay anxiety on this score by consulting Gandhiji very soon and issuing a reassuring statement.

Justified Nervousness

Memel was by no means a triumph for Herr Hitler, it was more of a face-saving device. But the economic treaty with Rumania is, in our view, certainly a victory and a surprising one. The clauses of the agreement may be "obscure" but this fact is by no means "obscure" that Germany has secured a very strong foothold in Rumania and that too at the precise moment when Europe was talking of checking the German danger threatening the South East. It is true that Rumania retains her economic independence, but the concessions granted are extraordinarily substantial and far-reaching in their effects. German moderation in accepting less than what was demanded is intelligible. But why did Rumania yield more than what she was willing to grant? There may be many answers. But of them certainly is fear of Germany which London and Paris have not succeeded in removing. Much of the responsibility of this German success rests with British statesman, who, while themselves professing urgency, are delaying the formation of a Peace Front and a definite declaration of guarantee against aggression. Small States are naturally nervous. In this connection it is significant to note that, according to a London report, Poland is still hesitating to join the democracies "despite the strongest sympathies" because "as a preliminary condition she is still demanding a definite Franco-British undertaking to support her, if she was involved in hostilities with Germany".

The difficulties of Rumania and Poland are quite intelligible in the background of betrayals so consistently executed by Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier. Their demand for *definite* guarantee is, therefore, quite natural. And this guarantee has yet to be given. True, Mr. Chamberlain has made a statement—a statement incidentally, on Memel but without any reference to it at all. That statement is far from categorical. Why, in one passage Mr. Chamberlain actually says that he is not "anxious" to establish any anti-German bloc and in another he almost suggests, in spite of all that has happened and in spite of his own speech at Birmingham, hesitation in interpreting "German intentions" which are much too glaring to admit of any other possible interpretations!

Price Of A Post Card

In the course of the Budget debate in the Central Assembly, Dr. Bannerji pertinently pointed out that during the last eight or nine years the price of the post card in India had been increased by 200 per cent and the burden of it had fallen on the poorest section of the population. On the other hand, as Professor Ranga suggested, the Posts and Telegraph Department seemed to be more concerned with catering to the interests of the rich and the foreigners, as evidenced by the reduction in air mail rates. Mr. Bewoor's reply that "it was a fallacy that the poor men did not also use the letter or that he was the only user of the post card" is hardly convincing. The fact remains that the air mail is used by well-to-do persons or commercial firms who can well afford to pay more but the post card is largely used by the poor whose average income per day hardly amounts to three pice—the present price of the post card! But it is only another manifestation of the Government of India's consistent policy of indifference to the interests of the poor that, in spite of repeated demands, the price of the post card remains the same.

I Cover Another Town

Calcutta .... 1.

By D. F. Karaka

It is now some eighteen years since I stood on the terrace of our house in Government Place East with a little Union Jack in hand to cheer the Prince of Wales who was on his visit to Calcutta. It was, I then thought, a big moment in my life. Coming back to it now and looking over this great cosmopolitan city I wonder whether it has changed at all. Of no other place in India can I say that it has remained so untouched by the thought, the opinion, the ideals of the new and greater India that is taking shape around us. It is a regrettable thing.

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The dominant characteristic of the city is that it has still remained a preserve of the English. There are no redeeming features about the Englishman in Calcutta as there are about the Englishman in Bombay, who has awoken to realise the rise of a nation on its way to freedoom. The tragedy is that the Indian himself in Calcutta is responsible for this sorry state of affairs. There is not that healthy atmosphere about the place which one finds in the provinces where the Congress have come into power. The Indian in Calcutta is relegated to an inferior status and yet somoehow one cannot help feeling that he has brought it upon himself. He suffers from a horrid inferiority complex and acquiesces in the state of affairs that exist without doing anything to alter the prevailing circumstances.

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Almost my first call was to the seat of the Government. The Bengal Legislative Assembly is a monument of fine art. Beautifully built, impressive in its surroundings, with its spacious gardens stretching out sufficiently to keep itself exclusive and far away from the common crowd, it gives the impression of a little palace that would satisfy the vanity of any ruler. The chamber itself with its marbled floor, its high panelled walls, its carved ceiling, its upholstered furniture, its marbled lobbies, its rooms and ante-rooms, makes the Bombay Legislative Assembly look like a college debating hall in comparison. Of that there is no question of doubt, for architecturally the Bengal Assembly is a much grander structure altogether.

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But that is where it stops, for in all other comparisons, one begins to feel a certain amount of pride in the way the Government of Bombay discharges its functions on and off the floor of the Assembly. For one thing the Ministry in Bombay commands universal respect. Even those who may not agree with the policy of the Bombay Congress Government are generous enough to admit that it conducts itself with great dignity. The personnel of the Bombay Cabinet command great respect in the city in which they govern. I wish I could say the same of the Bengal Ministry. There seems to be a consensus of opinion in Calcutta itself which deplores the Government of the day and treats the personnel of it with light jest. I have only heard it said of Fazal Haq, the chief minister, that he is outstanding in his ability and of three other ministers that they are able. But what of the other seven? Good taste in journalism makes me refrain from reproducing some of the opinions that I have heard. That is regrettably the state of affairs in Calcutta.

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There also seems to be little consistency of faith in the political creeds of the men in power. Take their ablest men according to their own estimation. The Chief Minister, Fazal Haq, was once the General Secretary of the Congress. In 1934 he became the Congress Mayor of Calcutta. The Europeans said at one time that they could never support him. Then Sir John Anderson, who was Governor of Calcutta, patted him on the back and he left the Congress, and he soon became Chief Minister of a Government to which the Congress were in opposition. And how much his politics must have changed that he owes his continued existence to the twenty-five European nominated members who hold the balance of power in this *Indian* Assembly. I can only say that any man who can effect a volte-face of that kind, however able, must always be taken with a pinch of salt.

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My predominant impression at listening to the debate was that Calcutta was far behind the province of Bombay. There seems

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Palestine Conference

BRITAIN PLAYING FOR TIME

Sufferings Of Arab Population

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, Mar. 12.

The Palestine Conference began on the 7th February, about five weeks ago. It is difficult to say when it will end. If Mr. Malcolm MacDonald is allowed to have his own way he will continue it indefinitely. Evidently he likes playing hide and seek with the Arabs and Jews. If the Arabs enter St. James's Palace through one gate he has to arrange the exit of the Jews through the other, never allowing the twain to meet. What would happen if Dr. Weizmann were to bump against Jamal Bey Husseini or Alfred Bey Rock? It may be that he is trying to go one better than his success in the Irish Conference. And all this at a time when quick decisions are urgently called for to put a stop to conditions still very unsatisfactory in that hapless land.

Arabs' Plight

A letter sent from Jerusalem in February describes them vividly:

"My kids have been raising Cain in their bath-tub to-night. Happy, laughing, utterly unconscious of what goes on around them in this miserable country. No one can really visualise what Palestine is these days without being there.

"Hunger, humiliation—the most uppish noses have been rubbed flat—cold, poverty and above all, fear. Fear of what, you might ask? It is the peace-loving Arabs who are afraid, not those who have decided to fight to the bitter end.

"A shot is fired in the vicinity of your house. You are probably as scared as the one who was shot at. Lo and behold! (1) You are sure of a 24 hour curfew. (Lately our Major-General O'Connor is giving us 48 ones). (2) Troops will search the area. (3) The men will be driven out to an open space—old, sick, lame, officials, civilians, and the women too: rain, hail or sunshine makes no difference. (4) Unless you leave everything open in your house you are sure to find it broken open, and worse, by the troops who carry out the search in your absence. (5) The men are called out one after another, ordered to prove their identity and then ordered, at the point of the bayonet, to pass before a closed Army Truck in which hides an Arab. (6) From inside the closed truck he signals to the soldiers whether you should go to the left or to the right. (7) If you are not lucky, you are identified as an undesirable and detained for further investigation. (8) The country is literally strewn with so-called Detention Camps. (9) It is difficult to say, on any one day, how many Detainees there are in the country. (10) If you are from Yaffa you are sent to Bethelem Detention Camp: if from Jerusalem you go to Artuf: if from Hebron you go to Jerusalem or Ramallah: if from Tubas you go to Mt. Tabor and so on. (11) In camps you are made to work, on an average of six hours a day, on mending the torn up roads and railroads or constructing new ones: sometimes on mending the Jerusalem water supply pipes. (12) If you are lucky you are sentenced to 3, 6 or 12 months after 30/40 days and bundled into the regular detention camps at Acre, Saraf and Athlit. (13) Reasons for your detention: You are not asked a single question. It is printed on a signed duplicate paper that you will serve so many months because of "your connections with armed men."

State Of Famine

"The country is approaching a state of famine. With over 12,000 productive men in jails, and about 10,000 already buried, you can well imagine how much misery there is. Over 10,000 houses have been blown up. With the curtailment of motor traffic and the practical prevention of civilians from travelling, people are living on so-called "Islands," the towns and villages being entirely without communication. That is the physical pain: the moral is doubly severe. There will soon come a time when people will go out into the streets and attack with bare hands any Britisher or Jew. May Allah give men courage and wisdom in London to end this agony of the people as soon as possible."

The Ulema of Damascus, in a telegram, present another side of the picture:—

"El-Aksa Mosque closed since two months. Religious practices forbidden. El-Adha prayer forbidden. Praying people chased out. British troops occupy El-Aksa. Moslems expect your intervention against sacrileges. Demand removal intruding troops and opening Mosque."

Delaying Tactics

Whatever may be in Mr. MacDonald's mind, he is taking a very long time to take the world into his confidence and, in the net result, the world is getting fed up with the Conference. In a way, it is all to the good that the Arabs decline to sit round the table with the Jews else Mr. MacDonald would have found a precedent in the Indian Round Table Conference and won the blessings and gratitude of London Hotel Keepers for the good business he is giving them. How long can £14,000 go? Everything must come to an end and so will the Conference when the budgetted amount is exhausted.

Several explanations are being given for this procrastination. It has been suggested that delay may tire the Arabs out. England can afford to wait—they cannot. It may also be that the Cabinet do not wish the King's visit to America disturbed by any Jewish demonstrations in New York and Washington. A third and probably the truer one is that the Government does want time to consult its naval and military experts, its legal advisers and even the City before adopting a new policy. Lambeth Palace, under the advice of the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, now in London, is also showing signs of deep interest, while that peace-loving Christian politician—Mr. George Lansbury—is calling a Jew-Christian Conference in Jerusalem later in the year. All these, or some of them or even one of them, may be genuine explanations, but they all seem to

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

"SPECTACULAR" OFFENSIVE

Is Japan's proposed "spectacular campaign" in South China a graceful tribute to Herr Hitler or is it because something dramatic is desperately needed by the Japanese to stimulate drooping spirits? Whatever the reason, it may quite confidently be assumed that the Chinese, pursuing their own plan of resistance, will give a good account of themselves, and that the result of this "spectacular campaign" will be just as considerable as that of any past one. The "spectacular" victory may be 'Japan's—even this is not quite certain—but real success will be China's. Meanwhile the Japanese are discussing a new foreign policy in conformity with the European situation. If it is aimed against China it means little. But it will be highly interesting if aimed against foreign interests.

TITLE TO GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

It is high time that Sir James Grigg made the necessary changes in the laws about title to Government Securities, as requested in the representations of the two leading commercial bodies of the City, namely the Indian Merchants' Chamber and the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association. The statement made by Sir James Grigg in the Assembly fails to give the necessary protection to holders of Government Securities. The Bombay Stock Exchange has found it necessary to make effective changes in the present system of trading in Government Securities as, in the absence of clean title, all tenders will have to be declared as bad ones unless they are renewed by the seller in his own name. It is true that the Finance Member is relying on the decision of the Privy Council, but at the same time the two important judgments given by learned Judges of the Bombay High Court cannot be ignored altogether. Sir James has made no mention of the assurances given by the Government in the Guide Book to investors. This clearly indicates that he has no defence for the present changed attitude. We request Sir James either to satisfy the investing public and leading business associations or make necessary changes in the Act. Up to now the holder of a Security had an option to get it renewed in case of doubt, but now the Finance Member throws the responsibility on the seller.

FINANCE MEMBER'S DUTY

There are no two opinions in this country that the decision of the Privy Council in the matter of Secretary of State vs. The Bank of India does make considerable difference. On account of defective law, numerous innocent holders of Securities are running the risk of being called upon to pay for forgeries committed by someone else. Does this mean that the last renewer of a Security in ordinary rotation is directly or indirectly interested in forged signatures? If the Government can prove that the last renewer had any knowledge of a forged signature before buying the Security, the Government can claim the amount. But can a claim be brought against a holder who had no knowledge of forgery? To do so amounts to punishing innocent investors and letting real culprits free. We cannot but feel that the confidence of the public in Government Securities will thus be thoroughly impaired and the present popularity of Government Securities will soon disappear. The duty of the Finance Member is clear and we earnestly hope that without any loss of time, he will accept the suggestions offered by the representations of the Merchants' Chamber and the Stock Exchange.

DANGEROUS TEMPTATION

Anything that weakens International Fascism is desirable. And, of course, what can deal a more severe blow to it than a breach between Italy and Germany? But the temptation, which such a move offers, has implicit in it very serious, even disastrous dangers too. Some people in France seem to be attracted by a desire to save France and the world from Germany by separating Italy from her and friends of Fascism among their countrymen—supported we shall not be surprised to learn, by Britain—are playing upon this desire for all they are worth. An atmosphere is being sedulously prepared to welcome the change in tone of Italian statesmen—without any change whatsoever in the substance of their absurd demands—and stampede France. If France succumbs it will be a disaster of the first magnitude. To concede to Italy even a single item of her demands will be to add to the prestige of International Fascism and strengthen the solidarity of the Axis—for the concession will be a tribute to the dangers of the Axis. Signor Mussolini may give any amount of guarantees but he is not one whit behind his axis partner in breaking solemn words and using one concession to win another—to go no further back his present attitude in terms of the Anglo-Italian agreement guaranteeing the 'status quo' in the Mediterranean is a convincing proof of this.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

It is always a great bore for the burglar if the safe is locked.

It is the silent man that is usually worth listening to.

A smile on the face is worth two in the tumbler.

The man who talks the most about obliging his friends very seldom does it.

A philosopher says that theorists are fools. This theory of his proves it.

It is better for a man to do a little kicking than to deteriorate into a human football.

WITHOUT COMMENT—

BERLIN, March 23.

Herr Hitler's statement in his speech in Memel that "I think we have substantially reached the conclusion of this unique reparation" is omitted from the official version issued by the German News Agency this evening.

—Reuter.

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"Communalism in the Punjab is a form of hatred which has to be conquered" declared the Governor at the Lahore College.

Splendid. But what about those who have created or incited to, hatred directly or indirectly, etc. etc?

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Our Delhi correspondent reports a Lobby rumour to the effect that Mr. M. A. Jinnah will represent the Rajkot Thakore's case before Sir Maurice Gwyer.

But why should Assembly circles be stirred by it?

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It is reported that the Democratic Swaraj Party's opposition to the restoration of the "so-called mosque" in Ahmednagar was not supported by Comrade Jamnadas M. Mehta.

The esteemed D. S. P. Comrade must immediately issue a denial of the report.

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Meanwhile, the Raja of Pirpur should be summoned by the Muslim League to issue a supplement to his report showing how Mr. S. L. Karandikar's speech constitutes another anti-Muslim atrocity by the Hindu Congress.

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Japanese cotton interests protest against the "Indo-British" agreement and describe it as discriminatory against Japan.

But they must recognise Britain's extreme impartiality also. The agreement is quite equally discriminatory against India too.

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The Indian Muslim League representatives had an interview with Lord Zetland and Mr. R. A. Butler and "expressed their surprise at the final turn of events" at the Palestine Conference.

Being Muslim League representatives, the turn of events naturally surprised them.

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Mr. Nashashibi—the Palestine "Moderate" as you doubtless remember—interviewed by Reuter in London "declared that he did not agree with those who represented the Palestine Conference as a complete failure".

Of course, he wouldn't. How could he destroy his 'raison d'etre' or repudiate those who brought his "delegacy" into being?

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Official circles in Berlin, says Reuter, have been awaiting with great interest Mr. Chamberlain's statement about Memel.

They must admit that the British Premier has gratified their interest by completely forgetting it.

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Britain and other countries, would resist "successive efforts to dominate Europe and perhaps to go further than that" according to Mr. Chamberlain "were this interpretation of the intentions of the German Government to prove correct".

Sounds like a challenge to Herr Hitler to bomb London and thus alone prove to Mr. Chamberlain's satisfaction the correctness of the German Government's intentions.

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Authoritative circles in Paris are somewhat puzzled by King Victor Emmanuel's speech.

Are they too much in a hurry to yield to Italy?

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A German Orchestra is to visit Japan? says a report.

We hope it is proceeding via Italy. The Axis partners must learn to play the same tune.

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"Your communism is stupid. If everything were divided to-day, in a very short time your portion would be gone. What then?"

"Divide again!"

Hitler Acts While Democracies Waver

Concludes Trade Treaty With Rumania

And Enters Into Military Alliance With Slovakia

All Parties Support Chamberlain

LONDON, March 25.

"HERR HITLER'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY TO-DAY INTO MEMEL SYNCHRONISED WITH TWO OTHER GERMAN INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS," WRITES THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE "OBSERVER."

GERMANY SIGNED A TRADE TREATY WITH RUMANIA CONTAINING CLAUSES WHICH ARE HERE REGARDED AS OBSCURE BUT THE GERMANS INTERPRET THEM AS LIKELY TO YIELD PRODUCTS IN WHICH THE REICH IS DEFICIENT: GERMANY ALSO CONCLUDED A MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH SLOVAKIA, THE LATTER COMING A FEW HOURS AFTER THE HUNGARIANS CROSSED THE EASTERN BORDER AND SEIZED A USEFUL STRIP OF TERRITORY CONTAINING THE RAILWAY LINKING HUNGARY WITH POLAND. DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS ARE PUZZLED OVER WHO INSTIGATED THE COUP.

DEMOCRACIES STILL UNDECIDED

In the meanwhile little is emerging from the most active diplomatic exchanges between Britain, France, the Soviet and Poland. M. Maisky called on the Foreign Office to-day.

It is learned that Poland is still hesitating and may not sign despite the strongest sympathies with democracies. As a preliminary condition she is still demanding a definite Franco-British undertaking to support her, if she was involved in hostilities with Germany.

The King of Italy's speech is interpreted in political circles as indicating a desire for good relations. However, the world is still awaiting Sgr. Mussolini's speech.

ALL PARTIES SUPPORT PREMIER

Government supporters approve the tone and contents of Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in the House of Commons as regards the international situation. They consider that he could not have been more precise in the present circumstances.

Critics of the Prime Minister in Government ranks regard it as a strong and important declaration. Several Opposition Labour members expressed satisfaction at the terms of the statement.

It will be noted that after the statement the Labour and Liberal front-benchers asked no questions. Only Mr. Bevan, who is an associate of Sir Stafford Cripps, asked challenging questions.

AMERICAN TRADE TREATY WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Rates Of Duty To Be Terminated For Time Being

WASHINGTON, March 23.

President Roosevelt has signed a proclamation which will come into effect on April 22 for termination of rates of duty established under the Czechoslovak Trade Treaty.

The Treaty is not abrogated because the United States holds that the disappearance of the independent Czechoslovak state is only temporary.

The proclamation cancels the schedules established by the Treaty so that no other nation can take advantage of them under the most favoured nation clause.—Reuter.

WHEAT FOR ITALY

GENOA, March 23.

It is reported that Italy is negotiating for the purchase of 90,000 tons of wheat from Yugoslavia, Hungary and Rumania.—Reuter.

Famous Actress Dead

LONDON, March 23.

Mrs. Shepherd, formerly famous musical comedy actress Miss Louise Freear, died in London at the age of 67.—Reuter.

SCHUSCHNIGG TO BE RELEASED

VIENNA, March 23.

It is expected that Dr. Schuschnigg will be released in two or three weeks' time.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN ORDERS TO SKODA TO BE EXECUTED

BUCHAREST, March 23.

Germany has informed Rumania that all her orders for armaments and munitions placed with the Skoda Works in Bohemia before Czechoslovakia was occupied will be delivered on time. This includes ten loads of munitions due for immediate delivery. —Reuter.

PALESTINE PROBLEM

LONDON, March 23.

The Indian Muslim League representatives had an interview with Lord Zetland and Mr. R. A. Butler regarding the eventual outcome of the Palestine conference. They expressed their surprise at the final turn of events and expressed the hope that ultimately His Majesty's Government, out of regard for Muslim opinion in India and in justice to the Arabs in Palestine, would be able to revise and reconsider their policy before finally publishing it.—Reuter.

TRAVANCORE CONVICTIONS

State Congress President And Two Other Leaders Get One Year's S. I.

KOTTAYAM, March 24.

The first President of the Travancore State Congress, Mr. A. Thanu Pillai, and two members of the State Congress Council of Action, Messrs. G. Ramachandran and P. J. Sebastian, who were arrested under Section 90 of the Criminal Procedure Code and asked to show cause why they should not be bound over to keep the peace, were sentenced to-day by the District Magistrate of Kottayam to one year's simple imprisonment each.—A. P.

EXPLOSIONS IN WOOLWICH

War Office Does Not Suspect Sabotage

LONDON, March 24.

A series of explosions in Woolwich Common District were heard over a large area in London this morning. All available police have been concentrated in the vicinity of the explosions.

A resident of Anerley District said that the explosions were loud enough to wake people up. They saw a number of flashes.

The explosions occurred in the storeshed of the Royal Military College of Science near Woolwich Common due to the bursting of oxygen cylinders caused by an outbreak of fire. The firebrigade were called and the outbreak extinguished in half an hour. Nobody was hurt.

The explosions caused extraordinary activity in Woolwich arsenal and troops were called out. The police rushed to the scene and a cordon was thrown round the area and only military authorities were allowed to approach.

The War Office state that there is no reason to suspect sabotage.—Reuter.

GRAND NATIONAL

Workman Wins By Three Lengths

LONDON, March 24.

The Grand National Steeplechase run at Liverpool over distance of four miles, 856 yards resulted as follows:—

WORKMAN (Hyde)	**1**
MACMOFFAT (Alder)	**2**
KILSTAR (Archibald)	**3**

Thirty-seven ran.

The race was won by three lengths and 15 lengths separated second and third.

The winner was trained by Ruttle.

Starting prices—100/8 on Workman.

25/1 MacMoffat.

8/1 Kilstar.—Reuter.

All Irish Triumph

It was a wonderful All-Irish triumph, gaining for them the first Irish victory since "Troytown's" win in 1920, fully justifying the confidence of his owner who openly declared that "Workman" was a far better horse to-day than when he unluckily finished third last year.

"Workman" who was ridden by the Irish Jockey, Hyde, and was trained in Ireland was always lying handy and was one of the leaders at the end of the first circuit with "Kilstar" and "Underbid".—Reuter.

OPEN FOR THIRD POWER SHIPPING

TSINGTAO, March 23.

The Japanese Consul-General has announced that the harbour will be opened to Third Power shipping from March 25.

The statement says that the harbour was closed for strategical reasons and not for discrimination against trade of Third Powers as alleged abroad. Various difficulties which had hitherto delayed the reopening have now been overcome.—Reuter.

Japanese Premier's Assurance

TOKIO, March 23

The Diet passed the bill controlling religious organisations after the Premier had given an assurance that Mohammedanism although not specifically mentioned in the bill would be recognised and protected on the same footing as other religions, including Buddhism and Christianity.—Reuter.

ANXIETY IN LONDON

Implication Of German-Rumanian Agreement

BUDAPEST, March 24.

While large sections of the public, particularly Jewish business leaders, are undoubtedly uneasy about the new trade agreement, official circles insist that the country's economic independence has not been compromised arguing that the document does not preclude the signing of similarly worded agreements with other countries.

EXAMPLE IN EMULATION

Newspapers take the cue from official quarters and state that economic rapprochement necessarily involves the easing of political tension.

Newspaper "Ls Moment" expressed the hope that other States will follow Germany's example.

MORE THAN TRADE TREATY

BERLIN: The treaty with Rumania is described by the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" as "far more than a commercial treaty of the usual kind". It is claimed that a considerable portion of Germany's needs, particularly industrial and war materials, will now be met without having to spend on foreign exchange.

ANXIETY IN LONDON

LONDON: There is little comment hitherto in London on the German-Rumanian trade agreement, but parts of the agreement have aroused anxiety here.—Reuter.

No Violation Of Frontier

BUDAPEST, March 24.

Hungary has replied to the Slovak complaint alleging that Hungarian troops violated her frontier suggesting the setting up of joint boundary commission.

communique states: "Hungarian troops in Ruthenia occupied some points west of the valley river Uz with the object of suring security of railway. The frontier between Ruthenia and Slovakia has never been properly delineated".—Reuter.

HOME FOR THE DESTITUTE

Governor Visits King George Infirmary & Lady Jehangir Home

BOMBAY, Friday.

His Excellency the Governor paid a visit this evening to King George V Memorial Infirmary and the Lady Dhunbai Jehangir Home for the Destitute at Haines Road, Mahaluxmi.

Sir Roger Lumley who was received by Dr. E. Moses, Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai, Mr. M. D. Bhat and other members of the Managing Committee went round the Home which provides accommodation for 150 inmates and the Infirmary which accommodates 60 patients.

The history of this charitable institution dates back to the year 1920 when the attention of some of the prominent citizens of Bombay was drawn to certain correspondence in the local press regarding the tragic manner in which beggars were dying in the streets from starvation. The citizens decided upon rescue work without delay. Later an organisation called the Helpless Beggars' Relief Committee was founded. The Committee, however, felt handicapped in its work for want of adequate funds. Co-operation was, therefore sought from King George V Memorial Committee. Besides their help Sir Cowasji Jehangir donated Rs. 2 lakhs. With these funds, a joint project of Infirmary and Beggar's Home was started. The Bombay Municipal Corporation leased a plot of land measuring 7 1/2 acres at a nominal rent.

The Infirmary and Home have 60 and 150 inmates respectively. The buildings are so constructed as to accommodate 96 and 200 inmates.

All-Welded Floating Dock

An all-welded floating dock with 1,000 tons lifting capacity is at present under construction in Stockholm. It will be ready for use this spring and is the first all-welded dock constructed in Sweden.

BERLIN.—Before leaving Germany, the Brazilian Air Force Mission telegraphed to Marshal Goering hoping for further co-operation of the two nations.

MADRID TO SURRENDER

Recognition Of Gen. Franco As Head Of State And Spanish Forces

ROME, March 24.

The entry of nationalist troops into Madrid is fixed for tomorrow, according to the latest reports from Burgos.

The announcement that the nationalist troops will enter Madrid on March 25 follows the arrival at Burgos yesterday of a civil aeroplane carrying five men, two of whom are said to be members of the Madrid Defence Council, two Agents of the Nationalist Intelligence Service and the other a Republican Air Force officer.

Conversations for immediate and unconditional surrender of Madrid were immediately started. It is understood that the envoys offered complete disarmament of the Republican Army and recognition of General Franco as the head of the State and all Spanish armed forces.—Reuter.

Civil Defence Proposals

LONDON, March 24.

The Government's proposals for dealing with civil defence are contained in one of the most comprehensive Bills presented to Parliament in recent times.

The Bill contains 75 clauses and two schedules and its object is to increase the country's preparedness against air attack, particularly in regard to provisions for shelter. It extends to industrial and commercial establishments the statutory duty of organising air-raid precautions and providing shelter for work-people.

Local authorities are given power for the purpose of acquiring land under which shelters and underground car parks, which can be used as shelters, can be constructed. The total cost to the Exchequer of the proposals in the Bill which broadly follow the lines indicated by Sir John Anderson in the House of Commons, is estimated to be over 25 millions sterling.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT LEBRUN LEAVES FOR FRANCE

LONDON, Mar. 24.

A simple impressive ceremony ended the state visit of M. and Mme. Lebrun. Shortly before the train was due to leave Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Halifax, M. Bonnet and the French Embassy officials gathered at Victoria Station.

A few minutes later M. and Mme. Lebrun accompanied by the King and Queeen and the two princesses arrived to the accompaniment of cheers from the crowds.

After final farewells the visitors entered the train. M. and Mme. Lebrun's departure from Mr. Chamberlain was particularly cordial.

Reuter learns that before leaving the President presented the King with an equestrian statuette of King George Fifth and the Queen with a cutglass bowl.

MESSAGE OF THANKS.

In a radio message to His Majesty from the steamer conveying him and Madame Lebrun back to France, President Lebrun expresses his thanks for the welcome given and says that the reception will be interpreted by the French people as a new and unforgettable testimony to the solidarity uniting the French and British nations.

The King replying says that the visit has given the utmost pleasure to the peoples of the whole Empire.—Reuter.

Latthe Attends Thana Youths' Spectacular Mass Drill

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, March. 23

"Maintain the same discipline throughout your life, which you showed in the sports today" was the advice given by Hon. Mr. A. B. Latthe Finance Minister of Bombay who took part in the sports organised by the Hanuman Vyayamshala, Thana, on March 21

More than five thousand spectators gathered at the spacious maidan opposite to Police Head Quarters to witness the mass drill of about a thousand youths of both sexes and other indigenous sports like Lezim and Bothati.

Earlier in the evening the Hon. Mr. Latthe was presented with an address by the Thana Municipality. Replying the address the Minister said that the grievances of the rate payers would be brought to the notice of the Minister concerned and that they would sympathetically considered. The Municipal address mainly dealt with the proposed water scheme for which help from Government was solicited.

Dr. Saher Declines Congress Corporators' Offer

MANAGING COUNCIL TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF MAYORALTY THIS EVENING

BOMBAY, Friday.

The consideration of the question connected with the candidature for Mayoralty which was to have come up before the Managing Council of the Congress corporators' party to-night was again postponed till 4 p.m. tomorrow. Dr. Saher, it is reliably understood, has finally declined the invitation of the Congress Party to stand as their nominee for the Mayoralty. While having the highest regard for the Congress Party, Dr. Saher seems to feel that the Party will be "expecting too much" from him as the Mayor if they want him to conciliate the feelings of the Parsi community with regard to Prohibition. He does not feel that it will be quite possible to fulfil these expectations. The result, he thinks, may be dissatisfaction both in the Party as well as in the Parsi community if such responsibility is undertaken.

In view of Dr. Saher's reply, the Managing Council will consider to-morrow as to how the question of candidature for Mayoralty should be settled. It is too early to say whether there will be any change in the policy he recommended to the Party early this week namely of following the convention of communal rotation.

HUNGARIANS FIGHT SLOVAKS

Slovaks Determined To Drive Out Invaders

A telegram from Paris says:—

Hungarian troops were still in Slovak territory late yesterday evening according to a Havas report from Prague which adds that the Slovak authorities have ordered reinforcements which have been sent to return to Presov.

A communique issued at Bratislava states that the Slovak troops put up a stiff fight and Slovak airmen machine-gunned the Hungarian troops, two battalions of whom it is claimed where put to flight.

The Hlinka Guard Chief, who went to investigate the situation reports that the Hungarians have occupied a strip of the frontier ten miles deep and states that the Slovak frontier forces, only two thousand men, had to withdraw before the Hungarians who were equipped with tanks and armoured cars.

When the ten-mile limit was reached the Hungarian troops halted and the Commander sent to the Slovak Commander a letter stating that occupation was taking place in agreement with Herr Hitler.

Nevertheless, the Slovak Commander ordered the Hungarians to be driven back and fighting restarted.—Reuter.

Hungary To Occupy Ruthania

A telegram from Budapest says:—

Hungary's conversations with her neighbours during recent weeks were revealed by Count Csaky in a speech at the Foreign Relations Committee of Parliament. Having described relations with the Reich as more cordial than ever the Minister said that Yugoslavia's attitude throughout the crisis was correct.

Rumania, however, showed hesitation and Count Csaky had to inform them that Hungary would occupy Ruthenia in any circumstances. He told Rumania although Hungarian troops might march along the Rumanian border they were not directed against Rumania and any unprovoked attack upon them would mean war.

Rumania first objected to the Hungarian occupation of part of Ruthenia to the east of Chust; then she suggested that strip along the Ruthenian frontier be ceded to her. Hungary refused to agree.

Count Csaky concluded: "I do not believe that the peace of the world is threatened. There are indications that political power factors are returning to equilibrium.

German Approval Denied

Count Csaky has replied to the Slovak protest. He has promised an urgent investigation and stated the fact that Slovakia's eastern frontier, which was never delimited, might have led to a local dispute.

He has denied that there is any question of military operation and added that rumours that Hungarian troops are conducting operations with the encouragement or tacit approval of Germany are deliberate lies.—Reuter.

Hundreds Of Sunnis Court Arrest

Madhesahaba Agitation Reaches Climax After Friday Prayers

LUCKNOW, Mar. 24.

The Madhesahaba agitation reached a climax to-day when after Friday prayers 500 Sunnis courted arrest in batches by publicly reciting Madhesahaba in defiance of the prohibitory order. The arrests are continuing.

The arrested persons, it is understood, include Nawab Saeedahmed Khan of Mallhabad, Abubakar Khan Zamindar and Sahibzada Abduljalil, nephew of one of U. P. Ministers.

Magistrates, police officers and armed guard are posted at strategic points as a precaution against any untoward happening. —A. P.

INFANT WELFARE

Lady Lumley Presides Over Society's Annual Meeting

The Bombay Secretariat was the venue of the annual general meeting of the Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare Society on Friday evening. Lady Lumley presided.

Before the proceedings of the meeting were taken up, a condolence resolution touching the sad demise of Lord Brabourne, was moved from the Chair and carried unanimously, all the members standing.

Mr. Kirpalani, I.C.S., Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust then moving the adoption of the Annual Report and the Auditor's statement for the year 1938 remarked that the welfare activities of the society had been maintained with unremitted zeal throughout the year. The report was adopted.

Mr. K. C. Dinshaw was re-elected as the Honorary Treasurer.

Lady Lumley, then, presented gold medals to Mrs. J. Jana, Miss Macassar and Miss Aorora for meritorious records and made a suitable speech.

Sir Mangaldas Mehta pointed out how the difference which existed between the two societies had been happily composed due to the efforts of Lady Lumley.

The meeting came to a close after a vote of thanks to the Chair.

SWEDEN LEADS IN TELEPHONES

During the period 1936-'38 the number of telephones in Sweden increased by about 1,60,000 to nearly 3,00,000, or 12.7 instruments per 100 inhabitants, according to recent statistical figures. With this figure Sweden leads among the European countries in respect of telephones calculated per capita, followed by Denmark and Switzerland.

A comparison between the world's larger cities shows that Washington and San Francisco come first with about 37.4 and 37 instruments per 100 inhabitants respectively, while the Swedish capital of Stockholm occupies the third place with 34.8 telephones. These figures refer to the beginning of 1937. At the end of 1938 the number of telephones in Stockholm was 36 per 100 of the population.

World Achievement.

Sun-Glass

Everyone has heard of sun glasses—spectacles to keep the glare of the sun out of our eyes; but how many of us know anything about glass made in the sun?

It is a modern conjuring trick.

If we see a conjuror draw a live rabbit from a hat, we think him very clever, but surely what he does is not half as wonderful as the scientific trick of manufacturing glass by the aid of sunlight?

This has been done at the Zeiss works in Jena. The result is glass almost, but not quite, as hard as a diamond. No ordinary glass is like it, for this sun-glass is so hard and fierce that it will cut glass—which is more than most metals will do.

It is made in an amazing fashion. In order to accomplish the task of raising a mixture of zirconium oxide glass (which is quite transparent) to fusion point, a sun furnace is used at Jena. A plane mirror is employed to direct the rays of the sun (which it is made to follow precisely by means of delicately adjusted machinery) to a 100-inch searchlight mirror. There the rays are brought to a fine focus, and at that point the heat generated is so intense that it quickly becomes no less than 5600 degrees Farenheit. It is under this terrific heat that the glass is fused.

Strange it is that the sun should thus be the servant of man!

Assembly Votes For Cheaper Post Cards

Mrs. Subbaroyan Attacks Government's Callousness

Incomes Of First Rs. 45,000 Of Undivided Hindu Families To Be Exempted From Taxation

NEW DELHI, March 24.

The amendment moved yesterday, to the Finance Bill to reduce the post card rates from nine pies to six pies for a single post card and from one and a half annas to one anna for a reply post card was passed by the Assembly to-day by 56 votes to 42. Mrs. Subbaroyan and Mr. Santhanam made very well-argued speeches in support of Prof. Ranga's amendment.

Amendments to change Income-tax and Super-tax rates were also moved. Mr. Chettiar's amendment to exempt the income of first Rs. 45,000 of undivided Hindu families was accepted by the house.

The debate on the amendment to the Finance Bill which Prof. Ranga moved yesterday to reduce the rates on post cards was continued to-day.

Mrs. Subbaroyan said that the righteousness and justness of this demand was so obvious that she was amazed at the Government's refusal to concede it. It was easy for the irresponsible Government to laugh at this question which they derisively termed "a hardy annual," but she could assure them that it was no laughing matter for the poor. She had a great admiration for Mr. Bewoor's efficiency and earnestness and his desire to improve his department, but she realised that when he spoke on this matter he was merely the sound box of the Government.

She was amazed to find from the figures quoted by Mr. Bewoor yesterday how appallingly small was the use made of the post card in this country. If Postal facilities were to be further extended in the rural areas, the charges for those facilities should be such as to enable the poor to take advantage of them. If proof were needed of the callousness of the Government, Mrs. Subbaroyan concluded, then the salt tax and the postal charges were alone sufficient.

ALL FACILITIES FOR RICH

Mr. Kuladhar Chaliha said that if the Government were prepared to lose large sums on the radio, air mail and telegrams—which were for the benefit of the rich—then why could they not provide for a reduction in the price of the post card? He complained of the insufficiency of postal facilities in the rural areas and pointed out that while there was one post office to about 400 people in the towns of Bengal, there was only one for many thousands in the country districts. The refusal to reduce the rate on post cards was, he said, hindering the spread of literacy.

DIVERSION OF TRAFFIC

Mr. K. Santhanam said that the policy of the postal department appeared to him to be directed towards diverting traffic from post cards to letters. The rate on letters had been reduced in order to put it on a rational basis and since then the figures for letters had steadily increased. But they had not put the post card rate on a rational basis and the figures for post cards were accordingly declining. A genuine, earnest and large scale campaign was being conducted in the provinces to spread literacy and the postal department must make use of it by bringing the post card within the reach of the villager.

The amendment was passed by 56 votes to 42. The Muslim League Party, in accordance with its declared policy in connection with the Finance Bill, remained neutral.

PACKETS FOR NEWS AGENTS

On Mr. Sriprakasa's motion which the Government accepted, the House passed an amendment proposing rates for newspaper packets sent to recognised agents as follows: "In the case of more than one copy of the same issue of a registered newspaper being carried in the packet, for a weight not exceeding ten tolas, half an anna; for a every additional five tolas or a fraction thereof in excess of ten tolas, quarter of an anna; provided that such packet shall not be delivered to any addressee's residence but shall be given to a recognised Agent at the Post Office."

VICEROY'S SANCTION TO AMENDMENTS

A breeze sprang up suddenly after lunch on the question of the Governor-General's previous sanction for amendments seeking to vary rates of taxation.

Mr. Chapman Mortimer on a point of order asked whether Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's amendment proposing a limit of exemption of Rs. 3,500 for incomes of undivided Hindu families had received previous sanction.

Sir James Grigg, Finance Member, made a statement announcing that the Governor-General had on this occasion given his sanction to all the amendments varying taxation. Sir James explained the reasons why such general sanction had been given and said that this did not dispose of the need to obtain sanction for similar amendments on future occasions.

DEPARTURE FROM PRACTICE

Mr. Satyamurti on a point of order stated the Governor-General communicated his message to the House through the President. Why, he asked, had there been a departure in this instance and why had he chosen the Finance Member to act as the mouthpiece of what was in His Excellency's mind. This departure was not consistent with the relations between the House and the Governor-General as specified in the Act and ought not to be accepted by the House.

Sir James explained that he made the statement merely in order to facilitate business of the House and if the House did not want it, he was prepared to withdraw it.

The statement was thereupon withdrawn.

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai in reply to the President's question said he had received the Governor-General's previous sanction to his amendment.

After a brief debate the amendment was rejected without a division.

SIR COWASJI'S AMENDMENT

Sir Cowasji Jehangir moved an amendment which sought to vary the rates of super tax. He explained that this amendment was intended to prevent the Finance Member from taking 76 lakhs more than what was necessary to meet the relief given to the poorer classes by the change from the step system to the slab system.

Sir Cowasji declared that Sir James during the last five years had failed to observe the spirit of the constitution and had thereby reduced the proceedings of the House to a farce. He therefore, hoped that Sir James would at least now in deference to the opinion of the House that there has been underestimation of income would make an offer to meet the desire of the House in respect of any one amendment.

Sir James Grigg opposing the amendment declared that even if the offer suggested by Sir Cowasji was possible this particular amendment would never be the amendment which he or the House would accept.

The amendment was withdrawn.

HINDU UNDIVIDED ESTATES

The House next accepted by 52 votes to 45 Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar's amendment by which the first 45,000 of the total income of every Hindu undivided family would be exempted from super tax.

A number of other amendments were moved and rejected. These include one by Mr. Manu Subedar who sought to exempt from super-tax incomes of joint stock companies up to Rs. 30,000 a year. He pointed out that taxation of joint stock enterprise had risen since 1929 from one anna six pies to two annas six pies in the Rupee as to Income-tax and with the addition of the Super-tax taxation of this form of enterprise would be brought up almost to the level obtaining in the United Kingdom.

This would have a deleterious effect on joint stock enterprise particularly smaller companies who would now have to pay three annas six pies in the Rupee. He also referred to the denial to joint stock companies of the benefits of the slab system and said that on the whole the treatment of joint stock companies had been a savage one.

Sir James Grigg in reply pointed out that the bulk of the tax came from larger companies who could afford to pay. In any case, the revenue which would be lost if the exemption was given would be in the neighbourhood of 20 lakhs which the Government could ill afford to bear.

EXEMPTION LIMIT AT 10,000

The amendment was rejected without a division; but the House accepted by 51 votes to 43 Mr. Ananthasayanam Iyangar's amendment to fix the exemption limit at 10,000.

The House sat twenty minutes beyond five o'clock and disposed of the remaining amendments. The Finance Member thereupon, announced that he would not move the third reading of the Bill (ironical cheers).

The Assembly adjourned till tomorrow.—A. P.

I COVER ANOTHER TOWN

(Continued from page 6).

to be a complete lack of reality of purpose in everything that was said. That Assembly Hall stank of intrigue and personal differences of opinion of a kind which, if I might borrow the words of their able speaker, "turned it into a market place." As I write now I have before me the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* which has a five column heading reading: "Sordid incident in Assembly." It goes on to say: ". . . . . Filthy and indecent hints were freely indulged in by members against members." And this is the verdict of a great Calcutta paper on its own Assembly. It will show that mine is not a biased criticism of a province to which I do not belong.

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When in the Assembly, I happened to listen to a speech by one of the ministers on "Rural Re-construction." The Honourable Minister in question is an Oxford man and even so I am forced to admit that if the Minister in question only knew as much about rural re-construction as our Mr. Latthe knows in one little finger, it would be of great use to the province of Bengal. This might sound a gross exaggeration, but anyone who has heard Mr. Latthe present his last budget or heard him expound on rural re-construction will realise what I am trying to say. The speech of Shahid Surrawardi made me wonder whether this Minister of the Government had ever been near a village. His speech contained the usual platitudes of one who has no conception of what rural re-construction stands for. He read a peroration of how "rich and poor, landlord and tenant," and such other combinations of men must unite to relieve the poor and the suffering and the more unfortunate of our brethren. Well, if this was a speech for the more unfortunate of our brethren, I feel sorry for them and for what their lot is going to be for a long time. It was, I regret to have to say of an Oxford man, the most unfeeling, the most unconvincing, the most half-hearted, the most conceited speech I have ever heard on so vital a subject from a man who tells you that he has the interests of his more unfortunate brethren at heart.

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Another amazing revelation to me was the grant in the Bengal Budget of Rupees Thirty Thousand to a newspaper called the "Azad," which I am given to understand is violently Muslim League. I am not in a position to judge the merits of this paper, which I have never read nor even heard of. But I know that it is a most shocking state of affairs when in a budget such a grant to an individual newspaper is made. Even the Europeans, I understand, refrained from voting with the Government on this point. The only pity is that they did not have sufficient courage to vote against it.

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Such is the brief and first impression made on me in this province to which I came with great hopes of being impressed. I only hope that in the few days that I am still to stay, I shall be able to change my mind.

(To Be Continued).

NEW DELHI.—The next quarterly examination for Certificate of Competency as Wireless Operator will be held at Calcutta, commencing on April 25 next. April 10th is the last date for receiving application from candidates desiring to appear for the examination.

A SHORT STORY

A Lot To Learn

BY JAMES FREEMAN

Old Inspector Casper Strong watched carefully as young Detective Colin East glanced around the room. The old man didn't want to appear critical or impatient. He remembered when he was a rookie. There wasn't much you could tell him then. He had been quick to take offense when someone pointed out an error, easily hurt when someone proved he was wrong.

Old Casper remembered, so he said nothing and watched while Young East stood in the centre of the floor and looked around, trying to give the impressions of having the situation sized up.

The girl lay on the floor, a still, cold crumpled heap. A small bottle was clutched in her right hand. The word "poison" was written on the bottle, surmounted by a skull and crossbones.

A note lay on a table near by; a chair was half twisted away from the table as though the girl had turned it when she struggled and fell to the floor.

Besides the note was a pencil. The note read: "I have no one to blame for this but myself. I was a fool to ever come to New York."

Across the room near a window a young man sat in a chair, his head in his hands a picture of despair and misery.

Beside the old inspector near the door stood a uniformed officer.

Young East read the note without touching it. He looked down at the girl, glanced over at the young man, then looked at the inspector.

"She wasn't the usual run," he said. "That note is well written. Too bad she had to die."

"Pride," the old inspector said "They come here with the idea of winning fame. Pride keeps them from going back home It happens every day."

Young East glanced toward the man near the window. "Weaver!" he said sharply.

The man looked up. There were streaks on his face, made by the tears.

"You discovered the body?" East said.

"Yes. We were going out. I called for an hour ago. There was no answer. I opened the door. She was—was—" He broke off. East walked over to the Inspector.

"I'd like to question the landlady."

The inspector nodded and spoke to someone outside the door. A moment later a small and tired looking woman entered. She showed little emotion.

"I'd like to ask you one question," East said. "Was Miss Vail left-handed?"

The landlady hesitated. Then her face lighted. "Yes. Yes., she was. I remember seeing her at the telephone writing down notes. She always moved the pad over and wrote with her left hand."

"Ah!" declared East almost exultantly. "You may go, madame." The landlady went out. East looked at his superior triumphantly. "It wasn't suitable. It was murder!"

"What makes you think so?"

East pointed to the form of the girl "See! The bottle is held in her right hand. A left-handed person would hold the bottle in his or her left hand. Inspector, I suspected this from the start. It looked too cut-and-dried, too obvious. That's one thing I've learned: When things look obvious, start asking your questions. This girl was murdered."

Young East took a step toward the man by the window. Weaver had bowed his head again. If he heard what the detective said he gave no indication.

"Weaver," began Colin East, and then stopped. The inspector had laid a restraining hand on his arm. The inspector was smiling in a kindly fashion, yet gently reproving.

"When you look around," he said, "you must look all around. You should have learned that, too. Think also how that boy will feel if you accuse him of murdering his sweetheart without being sure. Come."

Resentment flashed into the eyes of Detective East. He followed Casper Strong reluctantly to where the girl lay. The old inspector reached down and removed the bottle from between the girl's stiffening fingers. Then he picked up her other hand, her left hand. It held a stopper. He removed the stopper and fitted it to the bottle. It was a snug fit. He pressed hard.

"Now, look," he said. "Being right-handed I hold the bottle in my right hand and attempt to remove the stopper with my left. It dosen't budge. So I shift hands, holding now the bottle in my left hand and pulling the stopper with my right. I do this because I am right-handed, hence there is more strength in my right hand."

Detective East stared. "How did you know that?' he asked.

"I guessed at it after looking around. See the note on the table and the pencil beside it. The pencil is on the left side. That indicates that the girl was left-handed. Now I discover that the stopper for the bottle is in the girl's left hand. It is a glass stopper. Glass stoppers are difficult to remove if pressed down tightly, as one would be in a bottle of poisoning. Besides, that note is written in a feminine hand.

"It is unlikely that a man could imitate it." The inspector smiled.

Young East glanced at the bowed head of the man near the window. He shrugged and moved toward the door. It was hard to admit even to himself that he still had a lot to learn.

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Plight Of Berar Peasants

Coercive Process To Recover Revenue

Mr. M. D. Deshpande, General Secretary, Vidarbha Kisan Sabha has issued the following statement to the Press:—

Inspite of their incessant cry for relief the Berar peasant is faced with atrocities and high handedness of the Government officials, who, unmindful of the financial stringency and other considerations are making ugly haste to realise current land revenue. Warrants have been issued, property, both movable and immovable is being attached. All considerations of even ordinary decency are being disregarded.

Kisan Sabha Office is receiving numerous complaints of the atrocities of the revenue officials. They reveal how these officials intimate the peasants by attaching standing crops, corn heaps, cattle, carts, tins of the huts and many other necessary things.

There is an instant of an Official who went to a person to serve warrant of attachment in the night and demanded the ornaments of womenfolk. That these disgraceful occurrences should be allowed to repeat in almost each and every village in Berar is eloquent commentary on the Congress administration in the Province.

Never was public opinion in Berar so very unanimous as it is to-day in demanding adequate and liberal relief for the peasants but it seems the Government by adopting coercive measures of the type unprecedented and undreamt of, have decided to squeeze the last drop of blood out of the already famished peasant.

Indeed, Berar peasants deserve congratulation for the bold resistance they have given hitherto. No doubt many of them have yielded to the horrifying atrocities of the officials, who claim to have realised more than 60 per cent land revenue. Our ministers may now rejoice over the triumph of their subordinates but their triumph has cut the very heart of the peasant cutting at the same time the very backbone of the Congress. They have left the peasants in perpetual agony of hunger and starvation.

Any way, Berar peasants have a lesson to learn. They can in no circumstances, rely on the promises of Congress Ministry and their salvation lies solely in developing their own strength.

Professor Rao's Appeal For Co-operation In Drive For Literacy Campaign

Under the auspices of the Rohidas Mitra Mandal a large gathering of the Harijans was held at the Dhun Mill, Elphinstone Road to celebrate the annual function under the presidentship of Professor V. G. Rao.

An interesting programme was arranged on the occasion. At the outset the Honorary Secretary Mr. R. S. Kajrolkar read the report detailing the activities of the Mandal. Speeches were made by N. S. Kajrolkar, Shivtarkar and others.

Professor V. G. Rao thanked the Mandal and complimented them on their useful work done. He then referred to the literacy campaign and asked for their help and co-operation.

Governor Visits Leather Working School

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Governor of Bombay paid a visit this morning to the Government Leather Working School at Khar.

The object of this school is to provide a systematic practical and theoretical training in the art of boot and shoe making as well as in the manufacture of leather articles on modern lines.

There are two courses, viz; Artisan and Advanced. The Artisan Course will train students in the art of boot and shoe making as well as miscellaneous leather goods trade. The Advanced Course will qualify for supervisory posts in the industry. Ten students will be prepared for Artisan course which will extend to one year and ten students for Advanced Course which will coach for two years.

Boys between 16 and 22 years who have studied up to matriculation will be taken for the Advanced Course. For the Artisan Course those students who know how to read and write in their mother tongue will be taken up.

The Artisan course is free while for Advanced Course a fee of Rs 30 will be charged for a year. There are five scholarships for Artisan and five scholarships for Advanced Course of Rs. 15 per month.

DUTT MAJUMDAR SERVED WITH SUMMONS

Violation Of Order Under S. 144

CALCUTTA, march 24.

A summons was served on Mr. Niharendu Dutt Majumdar, M.L.A. and president of the Bengal Labour Party, yesterday, under orders of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Barrackpore, directing him to appear before the Magistrate's Court today.

The charge against him is under Section 188 I.P.C., namely violation of an order under Section 144 of Cr. P.C passed by the Sub-Divisional officer Barrackpore, in Tittagarh.—A. P.

"JOIN CONGRESS IN LARGE NUMBERS"

(From Our Correspondent).

KALYAN, March 22.

"Sink all differences, abolish communalism and follow Gandhiji's lead, is the message of the Tripuri Congress," declared Mr. G. H. Deshpande, M.L.A.,—a member of the A.I.C.C., last night, at a public meeting held in the Shankarrao Park. He then dwelt on the background of the Pant's resolution passed at Tripuri Mr. Jamnadas Mehta's speeches at Kalyan a few days ago and the "Kesari" school of politics came in for criticism at his hands.

Continuing the speaker said that the Tripuri Congress had reaffirmed its firm faith in Gandhiji's leadership.

Concluding he urged the people to join the Congress in large numbers and thus strengthen the organisation in its fight against the British imperialism.

LITERACY CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED IN CITY

The Provincial Board for Adult Education appointed by the Government of Bombay for the promotion of Adult Education in the Bombay Presidency has appointed the Bombay Adult Education Committee for the city and suburbs of Bombay. The Bombay Adult Education Committee with the co-operation of the Social Service League, Bombay, has decided to carry on a Literacy Campaign during May next and an influential representative committee called the Bombay Literacy Campaign Committee has been appointed with the Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, as the President and Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri, the Chairman, Miss Godavari Gokhale and Mr. Dinkar Desai, Secretaries.

On Saturday, March 18 at a public meeting held at the Blavatsky Lodge Hall, Mrs. Hansa Mehta inaugurated the campaign for enrolment of volunteers.

Prof. V. G. Rao, the Chairman of the Volunteer Sub-Committee welcomed the President of the evening and acquainted the audience about the programme of the Literacy Campaign. During the course of the lecture, Mr. Chagla remarked that the cause of Literacy needed no recommendation and that democracy and adult suffrage could succeed only if we removed illiteracy from the land. As at present situated, it is very difficult, he said, even for a popular Congress Government to find the funds necessary to carry on a campaign to liquidate the alarming illiteracy in this land. So he appealed to every literate man and woman also to every college and high school boy and girl to help in making this campaign a success by doing such voluntary work as may be suitable to him or her.

The Radio, the cinema and other scientific devices are valuable aids for adult education, but what we are immediately concerned with, he remarked, is making a man literate and hence, he stressed the importance of many young men and women volunteering their services for this noble cause. It is not enough, he said, if we admit that literacy is essential but it was equally necessary to try and find out to what extent and how far each one of us could help the movement.

ST. MIRA'S HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Martha L. Root of the "World Order", New York, and Beha'i teacher of international fame, who visited recently St. Mira's Institution at Hyderabad, writes about it as under:—

"Just as Rabindra Nath Tagore's great school at Shantiniketan is a living reality of spirit because, he, the poet, is there, so I knok St. Mira's High School in Hyderabad, Sind, will graduate youth, who will become outstanding humanitarians of this age. This St. Mira's High School is a "School of Thought" in India. The ideal of the new spirit of education as is being worked out in this school can with profit be studied by educationists of every nation.

All-India Weather

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, March 24

The following are the maximum-minimum temperature and rainfall figures recorded at various stations during twenty-four hours ending 8 a.m. to-day:—

Station	Temperature Max	Temperature Min	Rainfall Past 24 Hours	Rainfall Total Since 1st Nov	Difference to Normal
Agra	96	62	—	1.2	—0.5
Amraoti	95	71	—	3.3	+0.9
Akola	100	67	—	0.2	—1.9
Ahmedabad	97	68	—	0.1	—0.3
Ajmer	88	71	—	1.6	+0.3
Ahmednagar	95	65	—	0.1	—1.5
Ambala	89	61	0.3	5.7	+1.0
Allahabad	97	74	—	1.3	—0.9
Benares	97	71	—	3.3	+1.1
Bareilly	95	66	—	1.1	—2.7
BOMBAY	86	72	—	1.1	+0.4
Bangalore	86	65	—	1.1	—3.2
Bhopal	95	65	—	0.6	—
Baroda	98	59	—	—	—
Belgaum	87	63	—	1.9	—0.5
Bahawalpore	78	58	0.1	1.0	—0.4
Bijapur	93	68	—	0.3	—1.4
Bellary	96	73	—	0.1	—2.7
Bhavnagar	99	67	—	0.5	—
Chittagong	94	70	—	4.1	—0.7
Calcutta	98	70	—	1.7	—1.7
Cuttack	99	64	—	1.4	—2.3
Cawnpore	99	72	—	1.3	—0.7
Calicut	89	76	—	1.5	—5.9
Colombo	90	75	0.3	15.6	—11.3
Cheerapunji	71	55	—	5.4	—7.7
Cocoanada	92	73	—	12.2	+5.1
Cochin	87	77	—	8.9	—2.4
Dehra Dun	85	62	—	3.6	—3.3
Delhi	92	64	—	1.5	—1.2
Dehra I. Khan	64	51	—	2.5	+0.1
Desa	94	67	—	0.2	—0.3
Dalhousie	—	—	0.3	22.9	+3.0
Fort Sandeman	62	43	T	6.0	+2.6
Gorakhpur	95	66	—	1.1	—0.8
Hyderabad (Dn.)	94	70	—	0.9	—1.4
Hyderabad (Sd.)	93	67	—	0.8	—
Indore	95	68	—	0.1	—1.0
Jhansi	98	71	—	0.7	—0.9
Jubbulpore	97	63	—	2.5	—0.5
Jacobabad	87	63	—	1.9	+0.9
Jaipur	90	64	—	1.4	—0.1
Karachi	80	72	—	2.3	+0.9
Kodaikanal	62	46	0.1	19.9	+1.9
Khandwa	99	65	—	0.8	—0.6
Lucknow	96	67	—	1.0	—1.2
Ludhiana	90	61	0.1	3.7	—0.9
Lahore	80	56	0.1	4.1	+1.0
Lyallpur	77	55	0.1	2.6	+0.9
Multan	77	55	0.4	2.3	+0.8
Mysore	89	69	—	1.8	—1.7
Madras	90	70	—	3.5	—18.4
Marmagoa	86	75	—	1.0	—
Malegaon	97	66	—	0.1	—1.0
Mussoorie	66	44	—	8.3	—1.5
Mahableshwar	80	63	—	2.0	—0.1
Murree	47	34	1.4	22.1	+8.3
Mount Abu	77	59	—	0.7	—0.3
Masulipatam	88	71	—	15.9	+8.5
Mandalay	98	68	—	4.8	+2.1
Mangalore	89	75	—	2.1	—1.7
Meerut	—	—	—	4.4	+1.1
Mercara	80	59	—	2.9	—1.8
Nagpur	98	62	—	2.0	—0.8
Ootacamund	67	50	—	5.9	—4.7
Patna	94	68	—	3.7	+1.7
Peshawar	63	46	1.5	9.6	+4.1
Poona	96	64	—	0.3	—1.0
Pachmarhi	85	62	—	2.1	—0.7
Port Blair	88	71	—	20.0	—2.0
Quetta	50	35	—	10.3	—
Ranchi	88	64	—	6.8	+2.7
Rawalpindi	63	44	0.8	14.8	+6.9
Rangoon	86	73	—	10.3	+6.5
Ratnagiri	86	63	—	2.9	+1.8
Rajkot	94	65	—	—	—0.5
Sialkot	83	56	0.7	8.6	+2.7
Srinagar	54	41	0.9	12.8	+2.7
Sholapur	96	72	0.1	0.2	—1.7
Shillong	71	48	—	5.4	+0.6
Simla	62	37	0.3	5.8	—3.9
Surat	96	72	—	—	—0.4
Salem	95	73	0.4	2.4	—3.2
Trichinopoly	96	74	—	4.5	—5.3
Trivandrum	90	77	—	6.2	—5.2
Vizagapatam	84	73	—	14.8	+8.8

T indicates rainfall of 1 to 4 cents.

WEATHER REPORT

POONA, Mar. 24.

The western disturbance lies this morning as a low pressure area over the northeast Rajputana. It has caused fairly widespread rain in northwest Frontier Province, Kashmir and Punjab with a few falls in east Rajputana. Scattered thundershowers have also occurred in east Central Provinces, Bombay Deccan and southeast Madras. Temperatures were markedly below normal along the northwest frontier.

The chief amounts of rainfall are: —Peshawar, Cherat, Parachinar, Murree one and half inches; Drosh, Srinagar one; Rawalpindi three-quarters; Sialkot, Multan, Miransha half; Chanda, Hissar, Ambala, Khushab, Simla, Dharampur, Dalhousie Salem a quarter.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 24-3-1939.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.038 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 78.1 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 70.1 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hrs 85.7 degrees 1.1 (below normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hrs 71.8 degrees 1.3 (below normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 65 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. NNW

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 8 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 130 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 18 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 4

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 24-3-39

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 80.2 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.08 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.88 inches.

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TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION OF BENGAL

Annual General Meeting. Amalgamation With All-India Body Decided

CALCUTTA, March 24.

Presiding over the 9th annual general meeting of the Tuberculosis Association of Bengal last night, Sir David Ezra said, "If we are to do any useful and effective work, help from the Government and statutory bodies is essential. And even with such help, nothing substantial will be achieved, unless we all pool our resources and join hands to face the peril that lies before each one of us."

Sir David was voted to the Chair in the absence of His Excellency Sir Robert Reid, the President of the Association.

Continuing Sir David said that Tuberculosis alone killed nearly one lakh of people in Bengal every year and on a very modest computation ten lakhs of people suffered from the disease and formed the force for the spread of infection. Sir David lent his support to the proposal of amalgamation of the Tuberculosis Association of Bengal with that of the Bengal Branch of the Tuberculosis Association of India.

The meeting condoled the death of Lord Brabourne, late President of the Association, and decided to send a message of condolence to Lady Brabourne.

The meeting by a resolution decided that the Tuberculosis Association of Bengal be amalgamated with the Tuberculosis Association of India when this will be formed and registered. The Association would continue its work as the Bengal Provincial Branch of the All-India body.—A.P.

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BURGOYNE'S NORMO-GASTRINE

Film Fare For The Week

Loretta Young and Richard Greene in "Kentucky", technicolour picture, at Regal.

"NAV-JEEVAN" COMES TO-DAY

BOMBAY TALKIES' New Film At Roxy

The outstanding release of the week is 'NAV-JEEVAN', the Bombay Talkies new film, which comes to Roxy to-day.

It is a light-hearted comedy, introducing Hansa as the Bombay Talkies' new star discovery. In the male lead is Rama Shukul who rose to public favour in "Bhabi". Others notable in the cast are Mumtaz Ali, V. H. Desai, Saroj Borker, Pithawala, Rai Mohan and M. Nazir.

Sonnie Hale and Wilifred Lawson in "The Gaunt Stranger", at Capitol.

"Sweethearts" Second Week

Metro Musical Wins Blue Ribbon Award

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Sweethearts", held for second week at Metro, co-starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, has been selected by the National Screen Council as winner of the Box Office Blue Ribbon Award.

This award is given each month to the film receiving the highest number of votes by the members of the Council, whose selection is governed by outstanding merit and suitability of the film to whole-family entertainment.

Members of the Council include over 200 motion picture editors of leading newspapers throughout America, motion picture reviewing committee of the International Federation of Catholic Alumanae, and state motion picture chairmen of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The film, seen by thousands of Bombay's music-lovers during the first week, is now being continued for the second week at Metro.

TWO MORE BIG FILMS SCHEDULED FOR GINGER ROGERS

Presaging a spring of unusual activity for Ginger Rogers, two more important pictures, "Little Mother" and "She Said I Do," have been announced for the flame-haired star by Pandro S. Berman, vice-president in charge of RKO Radio production.

With only a brief rest after finishing "The Castles," her current co-starring vehicle with Fred Astaire, Miss Rogers will start work on "Little Mother" early in February. "She Said I Do" will be filmed in April.

Gregory La Cava, who directed Miss Rogers to a brilliant performance in "Stage Door," will produce and direct "She Said I Do." La Cava is now in the East working with James Cannon on the screen play. Written by Frank R. Adams and published in Red Book Magazine, the original story chronicles the romantic adventures of a girl worker in a hosiery mill, who falls in love with her employer.

EDGAR WALLACE "THRILLER"

"The Gaunt Stranger" At Capitol

This week's programme at the Capitol Theatre, "The Gaunt Stranger," presents a well-knit story of a master criminal's vengeance on a crooked lawyer for the seduction of his sister. Adapted from the famous novel by Edgar Wallace, it provides full-blooded yet restrained drama which is packed with suspense.

The tale turns on the threat of a supposedly dead killer to murder the unscrupulous lawyer, Meister. On being called in the police barricade the home and throw cordons round the entire house—yet at the predicted hour Meister is killed in baffling circumstances. The tension is built up to Meister's hour of doom. Here and there, however, is a

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AIR-COPPERS ARE HERE

"Pirates Of The Sky" At Excelsior

Fast action played against a new background, a novel love story and more than the ordinary quantity of thrills and suspense are the high-light features of Universal's "Pirates of the Skies," seen this week at Excelsior Theatre.

Featuring Kent Taylor and Rochelle Hudson, the picture embraces the newest branch of the U.S.A. state law-enforcement departments, the Air Police.

Taylor is seen as a flying officer, an "air-copper." The thrills and suspense arrive when he unwittingly stumbles on the solution of many bold and mysterious robberies which have mystified the State police.

Photographed over some of the roughest terrain in Southern California, the Sierra Madre mountains, and presenting a spectacular air-combat, "Pirates of the Skies" offers thrills of an unusual nature.

In the supporting roles are seen Lucien Littlefield in an excellent characterization as the chief of the outlaws. Marion Martin, Stanley Andrews, Guy Usher and Regis Toomey complete the roster of players.

The direction is by Joseph McDonough, from an original screen-play by Ben Grauman Kohn. The photography is by Jerry Ash, A.S.C.

Kent Taylor in a scene from "Pirates of The Skies", a thrilling air drama, at Excelsior.

Nelson Eddy and Jeanette Macdonald in an amusing scene from "Sweethearts", at Metro.

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forth was responsible for the lyrics and the story of the film. The dance numbers in "Mayfair Melody" were devised by Jack Donohue who will be remembered for the dancing sequences he has arranged for Shirley Temple and Eleanor Powell pictures.

MEET THE MONSTER AT EROS

"Son Of Frankenstein" Continued For Second Week

That people continue to pay to be horrified is proved by the popularity of "Son of Frankenstein" at the Eros Theatre. It is now being shown for the second week. Actually, it is not so very horrifying as all that and Boris Karloff makes almost an amiable monster. Bela Lugosi, as the demanted peasant, almost steels Karloff's thunder. Basil Rathbone (minus make-up this time) is quite good while Lionel Atwill puts over perhaps the best performance of all.

If you are not much interested by monsters, additional (or should one say alternative) attraction is provided in the 6-30 p.m. shows by the Ritz sisters and Billy Heeton. Between them, they give several entertaining dance and acrobatics members.

"TUNDRA", NATURE SPECTACLE AT BROADWAY

"Tundra," the spectacular film of the Alaskan wilderness, will be shown from to-day till Wednesday for five days at the Broadway, Dadar, as you watch breathlessly the hair-raising adventures which befall a young doctor lost in that unknown, desolate region after his plane crashes, and he fights heroically against the combined forces of the stormy elements and perils from wild beasts in a terrible journey to the civilisation's nearest outpost.

The picture was taken right in the heart of the waste land through which the story events progress. Everything was filmed as it actually exists, without recourse to stage or artifice of any kind.

GOVERNOR SEES "DEVATA"

H. E. Sir Roger Lumley and Lady Lumley saw the Huns' picture "Devata" at the West End Cinema on Thursday night when a show was held in aid of the Bombay Presidency Branch of Girl Guides Association. Several other notable citizens were also present on the occasion.

Introducing—

Charlie Chan, the greatest detective of all time. You have read books about his daring exploits, you have seen him in the movies. Now you will help solve his thrilling mysteries. Watch for the new Charlie Chan comic strip beginning next Wednesday. It will appear daily on the last page.

MUSICAL AT NEW EMPIRE

"Mayfair Melody" This Week

"Mayfair Melody," the current attraction at the Empire Cinema, this week, introduced to the screen Keith Falkner, known to radio's millions of listeners as a concert and operatic singer. Falkner, is without a doubt, one of the most important acquisitions to the screen in years. He is tall, ruggedly handsome and possesses a beautiful baritone voice. Furthermore, his range of songs which he sings in the film can hardly be called limited. The classic, "O Star of Eve," the romantic, "A Song Doesn't Care," and a rollicking shanty, "San Diego Betty," are but three of the many numbers which he renders in a glorious style.

The film opens in a huge motor factory with Falkner playing the part of a mechanic. The proprietor's high-spirited daughter, a part played by Joyce Kirby, hears his voice and decides that he must be her protege. She finds him a job in the advertising department of the company and he receives a fabulous salary in order that he may have his voice trained for opera. She displays him to her friends as her protege....much to his embarrassment. Falkner finally learns that he is merely her hobby and accepts an offer from a leading musical comedy actress, a part played by Chili Bouchier, to play opposite her. He pays back the money to Joyce the money his training has cost.

She becomes lonely and is neglected by her friends. On the opening night of Falkner's play she takes a seat in the gallery and sees him score a great hit. She waits until the theatre is empty before leaving and takes Falkner's portrait out of a frame as memento. Falkner sees her as he is leaving, and the sudden meeting brings them into each others arms.

The music for Falkner's songs was specially written by Kenneth Leslie Smith, while James Dyren-

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Look Out, The Monster! A scene from "Son of Frankenstein", second week at Eros.

SHE QUARRELLED WITH A FRIEND

Indian School-girls' Fan-Letter To Robert Donat

Robert Donat loves his fans. To him they are real friends, an unseen audience stretching to the far corners of the earth, whose applause travels to his eyes instead of his ears.

The letter from the schoolgirl in India, telling him that she has quarrelled with her best friend, because she fears her friend is incapable of appreciating him as a really great actor means just as much to him as the one from the Comtesse de la....., whose appreciation of his performance has prompted her to write to him.

CURE FOR COLDS!

Side by side with a letter from a seaman, who saw a Donat film on his last trip ashore comes one from a motherly soul in Lancashire who passes on her grandfather's certain cure for winter colds, whilts the invitation to a crumpet tea from the little girl in Ilford is received with equal pleasure by the screen favourite. In fact, child lover as he is, he feels only too sorry that he is unable to fall in with her suggestion that she would meet him at the corner of her road, to reach which she has given him explicit instructions as to the number of the 'bus which he should catch!

What's this? A handkerchief....."Please sign your name on the corner."....Its future is to be ornamental and not useful, Robert is comforted to learn.

This is just a sample dip into Robert Donat's fan mail. Keep on dipping and you will find that the underlying goodwill in all the hundreds of other letters is the same.

Loretta Young Again!

"Kentucky", In Colour, Comes This Week To Regal

For the first time the Kentucky Derby will be seen on the screen in full natural colour when "Kentucky," the 20th Century-Fox Technicolour production featuring Loretta Young, Richard Greene and Walter Brennan opens to-day at the Regal Theatre.

In the many years that newsreel companies have been filming the running of the Derby, no shots have been made in anything but black and white. The huge Technicolour cameras have now captured every glint of brilliant colour to be found in America's premier turf classic. With the aid of race officials and stable owners, Director David Butler was given every facility to make this one of the most dramatic sporting events ever filmed.

"Kentucky," a romance of the Blue Grass country, is said to have captured the glorious tradition of that state. Loretta Young and Richard Greene are seen as the two young lovers who are born to the traditional enmity between their families which has carried over since the Civil War. Walter Brennan, Academy Award winner, also has a sizable role in the film. He portrays a testy old southern gentleman who knows more about horses than anyone in Kentucky. As Loretta Young's uncle in the film, he turns in what is reported to be the finest performance of his career. The film was adapted from the book, "The Look of Eagles," by John Traintor Foote, who collaborated with Lamar Trotti in preparing the screen play.

Keith Falkner with Joyce Kirby and Chili Bonchier in "Mayfair Melody", at New Empire.

PROHIBITION PROPAGANDA WEEK

Premier To Preside Over To-day's Chowpatty Meeting

A mass meeting of the citizens of Bombay will be held on the Chowpatty sands at 6-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday) when the Prohibition Propaganda Week will be inaugurated by the Prohibition Propaganda Board appointed by the Government of Bombay.

The Hon'ble Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister, will preside.

The speakers will include Mr. Nagindas Master, Maulana Irfan, Rev. Edward Fernandes, S. P., Vicar of the St. Ignatius Church, Bombay, Prof. Daruwala, Prof. Gharpure, Maulana Hakim Sialkoti, Mr. S. A. Dange, Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan and Mr. S. L. Silam.

All the Ministers of the Government of Bombay will be present on the occasion.

The following associations and organisations, among others, have expressed their willingness to cooperate with the Prohibition Propaganda Board in making the Prohibition Week a success:—

1. Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, 2, Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress, 3. Swastik League, 4. Khilafat Committee, 5. Anjuman Islam, 6. Bombay Provincial Social Reform Association, 7. Nationalist Christian Party, 8. Congress Socialist Party, 9. Bombay Women's Council, 10. Indian Progressive Group, 11. Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), 12. Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, 13. Youngmen's Hindu Association, 14. Kamgar Prohibition League, 15. Social Welfare Society, 16. Hindustan Boy Scout Association, 17. Padmashali Aikyetchhoo Mandal, 18 Indian Temperance Association, 19. B. B. & C. I. Railwaymen's Union, 20. Gandhi Seva Sangh, 21. Gujarati Hindu Stri Mandal, 22. Students' Brotherhood, 23. Bombay Students' Union, 24. Satara District Mahar Seva Sangh, 25. Tarun Bharat Vyayam Mandal, 26. Abhinav Bharat Vyayam Mandal, 27. Social Service League, 28. Vir Bharat Harijan Sangh, 29. Majlis-e-Awann, 30. Adarsh Yuvak Sangh, 31. Bombay Women's Association and 32. Bombay Kamgar Sangh.

PROHIBITION WEEK

All Parties Assure Support To Govt.

Plea For Voluntary Workers For Propaganda

MUNSHI AND GILDER CHALK OUT BOARD'S PROGRAMME

"That Prohibition should be introduced has been decided both by the electorate and the Legislature. What we are now concerned is with rousing public opinion," remarked the Hon'ble Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Excise, addressing a gathering of the representatives of the various organisations interested in Prohibition.

The meeting which was held in the Committee room of the Secretariat at 6-30 on Friday had been called by the Prohibition Propaganda Board appointed by the Government to discuss the Prohibition Propaganda week, to be inaugurated to-day (Saturday). At the invitation of the Chairman of the Prohibition Propaganda Board 75 ladies and gentlemen representing more than 40 political, labour, social welfare and women's organisations attended and excepting for a single organisation all the others expressed their willingness to extend their wholehearted co-operation to the Board to make Prohibition Week a success. They also expressed their willingness to carry on propaganda work on behalf of their organisations for the inauguration of Prohibition.

PLEA FOR VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder welcoming the representatives stated that it was necessary to rouse public opinion in favour of introduction of Prohibition it was essential to have voluntary workers to carry on propaganda work, as popular opinion would make Prohibition a success much more than anything else.

Dr. Gilder proceeding, said, that the work of carrying on Prohibition propaganda did not involve conflict of political views or social barriers. Every political party was bound to welcome the introduction of Prohibition. He had no doubt that every one to whatever political party he might belong would whole-heartedly co-operate with the Prohibition Propaganda Board in its activities. He expressed his regret at the fact that invitations to the evening's meeting had to be sent in a hurry and it was possible that many might not have found time to be present at the meeting. There might be many other organisation and associations which might not have known about the meeting. He invited all organisations and associations interested in the work of Prohibition to communicate with the Secretary of the Board and indicate the manner in which they would like to co-operate with the Board.

Concluding Dr. Gilder stressed the need of non-official voluntary work to awaken the dormant spirit among the people in regard to the drink evil.

MUNSHI'S APPEAL.

The Hon'ble Mr. K. M. Munshi outlined the programme that had been chalked out by the Prohibition Prapaganda Board which included public meetings, processions, street corner meetings, etc., and invited the various organisations to co-operate with the Board. He also suggested that the different organisations should carry on propaganda work in their different spheres and keep in touch with the Propaganda Board appointed by the Government for any help that they may need.

Mr. R. S. Nimbkar said the workers' organisations would wholeheartedly co-operate with the Prohibition Propaganda Board in making the Week a success.

Mr. J. Bokhari urged that a conference of Muslim leaders should be called immediately so that the message of Prohibition may be carried to the Muslims of Bombay.

Mr. S. A. Dange stressed on the necessity of voluntary workers if Prohibition was to be made a success.

Mr. Sarang and others also spoke.

Dr. Gilder said that the immediate objective before the meeting was making the Prohibition Week a success. "Prohibition is going to come and is bound to come. Let us now start with some work. We will meet again to discuss."

The Hon. Mr. K. M. Munshi asked as to whether there was any organisation which did not wish to associate itself with the Board in regard to the activities during he Prohibition Week Excepting for a single organisation all others expressed their willingness to whole-heartedly co-operate.

Dr. Hamied explaining a new precision Ampoule-filling apparatus to Dr. Gilder and Mr. Patil who visited the Cipla Laboratories recently.

SELF-GOVT. IN INDORE

Holkar Appoints Constitution Committee

INDORE, Mar. 24.

His Highness the Maharaja Holkar has issued an order appointing a Constitution Committee with Rai Bahadur Rangilal, Judicial Minister as convener to investigate and report within six months on what lines local self-government should develop in the State and in what manner the constitution of the Legislative Council should be revised and reformed so as to ensure increasing association of the people with the administrative machinery, with due regard to local conditions and requirements and the circumstances of State.

The Committee consists of four officials and seven non-officials the latter including the President of the Indore Praja Mandal.—A. P.

CONCERT AND VARIETY SHOW.

In Aid Of Social Welfare Society

Mr. G. N. Joshi, Miss Anusuya Choudhari, Tendulkar Bros, Kumar Dutta and other artistes of repute are giving a charity performance in aid of the Social Welfare Society, Bombay at the Kitte Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Road (North) on Tuesday 28th March. It will be a varied programme of about four hours commencing at 8-30 P.M. (S.T.)

Impersonation of leaders like Mahatmaji, Subhas, Sarojini Naidu, Barrister Savarkar, Pandit Malaviya and others by a mimic of all India fame is a special attraction of the show. Tickets are from One Rupee to Ten Rupees and can be had from: Dr. V. H. Bedekar at 166A Vincent Road, Hindu Colony, Dadar and Dr. R. S. Barwe at the Kitte Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Road (North), Dadar.

SHAMDASANI V. BANK AUDITORS

That Mr. I. S. Haji was not a tenant of the Central Bank but if at all he was a tenant of receivers appointed by the High Court who were managing the properties in question, of which the Central Bank was only a mortgagee was the reply made by Mr. S. G. Velinkar appearing for the Auditors of the Central Bank on Friday before Mr. I. S. Haji at the Mazagaon Court, while answering the objection raised by Mr. P. D. Shamdasani at a former hearing of the case in which he figures as the complainant.

Mr. Shamdasani objected to Mr. I. S. Haji hearing the case on the ground that he was interested in the case being a tenant of the Central Bank.

Mr. Velinkar continuing argued that the construction of Mr. Shamdasani was vicarious in that His Worship was a tenant of the receivers, managing the properties of which the Central Bank were only the mortgagees and the accused happened to be the auditors of the said bank.

The counsel cited an Allahabad ruling in a similar case where-in the judgment given was to the purport that the "interest" should be "immediate" for any objection to be taken, in such cases.

Mr. Velinkar concluded his arguments, the case was adjourned to the 28th instant.

Munshi To Visit Patan In April

PATAN, Mar. 24.

A public meeting of the citizens of Patan unanimously resolved to present an address to Hon. Mr. Kanaiyalal Munshi, Home Member, Bombay Government, at the time of his arrival in April, as president of the Gujarati Sahitya Special Sessions and celebrations of Hem Saraswata Satra.

SNEH-SAMMELAN CELEBRATION AT SIKKA-NAGAR

Under the auspices of the Broach Mitra Mandal a Sneh-Sammelan will be held at Sikka-Nagar to-morrow (Sunday) at 5 p.m. Dr. Chandulal Desai will take the Chair. Hon. Mr. Munshi, Mrs. Munshi, Divan Bahadur K. M. Zaveri and others are expected to attend.

City's Health Returns

The health returns of Bombay during the 11th week of 1939, i.e., the week ended 18th March, 1939 were as under:

The total mortality 623 was 55 more than in the last week and the death rate registered was 27.9 on the Census Population of 1931 which compares favourably with that for the 11th week of 1938, viz. 830 and the death rate 37.2. The average mortality for the corresponding weeks during the preceding quinquennium was 626 and the death rate 27.9.

Out of the total deaths, 142 were among infants under one year of age. During the week smallpox caused 10 attacks and 4 deaths. Cholera and Plague were absent. There were 5 deaths from Typhoid. Cerebro-Spinal fever caused 4 attacks and 2 deaths.

The number of live births registered during the week was 652 which compares favourably with that for the 11th week of 1938 viz. 639 and 632 the quinquennial average for the corresponding weeks in the five years (1934-38).

ALLAHABAD.—Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel accompanied by Acharya J. B. Kripalani paid a visit to the A. I. C. C. office this morning. Mr. D. Narsinha, Acting General Secretary, received them and took them round the office.

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Viceroy's Hint To Princes

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The advice contained in the speeches delivered by His Excellency, the Crown Representative at Jaipur and Jodhpur State Banquets, is more than welcome at this critical juncture and the Princes of India will not fail to appreciate its extreme importance. Closely following the Viceroy's wise counsel another very important pronouncement comes from Lord Zetland. Speaking at the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, Lord Zetland stated: "We should do what we can to raise the standard of administration and see that the subjects of their Highnesses get a fair deal." That this aspect of the obligations of the Paramount Power is not lost sight of by the British Government is most gratifying to the people of the Indian States. His Excellency the Crown Representative's bold, wise and statesmanlike intervention in the Rajkot episode is most particularly welcome and in fact India is very grateful to His Excellency for this.

It is interesting to note that advice relating to the internal administration in the States is not outside the scope of Paramountcy. Sir William Barton in his book entitled "The Princes of India" says: "And well-meant advice at the right moment might often save otherwise promising young chiefs from ruining themselves by absurd extravagance and irresponsible behaviour generally. It is fair neither to the chief nor to his people that intervention should be with-held till it is too late." (p. 218).

The opinion of Sir William Barton is entitled to great weight. In the words of Viscount Halifax" no one is better qualified by long service and shrewd judgment to claim attention upon the subjects of which he writes." (Foreword by Viscount Halifax to the "Princes of India"). The Butler Committee also expressed a similar opinion in its report. As to the Paramountcy and the Treaties it was held that the treaties had necessarily been supplemented and illumined by political practice to meet the changing conditions in a moving world. Paramountcy must continue to be paramount."

Discussing the question of popular demand, the Committee observed that if the Princes' position were threatened by political agitation for a change in the system of government, the Paramount Power would be bound to maintain the rights, privileges and dignity of the Princes but it would also be its duty to suggest such measures as would satisfy the demand without eliminating the Princes. That the Paramount Power is fully alive to this "duty" is more than amply proved by the following passage in His Excellency the Viceroy's speech at the Jodhpur banquet.

> "It is in these days as your Highness clearly appreciates of vital importance not only that the administration should be conducted on sound and uptodate lines but that adequate provision should exist for the ventilation of legitimate grievances and for bringing to the notice of the Government of the State the wants and suggestions of its subjects." It is, indeed, satisfactory to note that there has of late been manifest at least in some of the major and one or two small States the desire on the part of the Princes to meet the legitimate demands of the people.

Yet one must, with regret, observe that the Princes as a body have not yet become fully alive to the importance of the problem. What is needed is not a half-hearted, vacillating movement but a wise, bold and statesmanlike action on the part of our Princes. The magnitude and the complexity of the problem cannot be underestimated. But with goodwill and harmony of purpose the solution may not be found very difficult. If the Paramount power does its duty the Princes will not fail in theirs. It is sincerely hoped that it will not be necessary to revert to the old regime which used to be epigrammatically expressed "the whisper of the Residency is the thunder of the State." Though the Consulate of the great Lord Curzon has been much criticised for treating the Princes in name as "my colleagues" but in fact as "my officials" we are obliged in the words of Lieut. General Sir George Mcmun (in his book entitled "the Indian Princes and States" "to admit that however unpopular the supervision by Resident has been there was considerable basic excuse." It was Lord Curzon's misfortune to have many uncharitable critics. It was forgotten by those critics that Lord Curzon did neither initiate nor lay down any new policy with regard to the States. All that he did was to reiterate the earlier authoritative pronouncements on Paramountcy. As an illustration on the point one may refer to the following extract from Lord Ellenborough's minute of November 1st, 1843, printed in Mcmun's "Indian Princes and States" at p. 174. "To maintain therefore unimpaired, the position we now hold, is a duty not to ourselves alone but to humanity. The adoption of new views of policy weakness under the name of moderation and pussillanimity under that of forbearance, would not avert from our own subjects, and from our own territories, the evils that we let loose upon India ...." (This paper has been considered one of the most important pronouncement." Mcmun. p. 174). We are apt to forget in these days of peace and security the life long labours of great administrators and statesmen like Sir John Malcom and Campbell. A well-known writer on this difficult subject sums up the position in the following words: "As regards the rulers of the States, they must remember that they cannot be of the Empire and not of it. They cannot enjoy the privileges and ignore the responsibilities of the union. As members of a single political organism they own allegiance to the union and must shoulder their share of the common burden. They will save themselves from interference if they recognise their obligations for the preservation of their sovereignties against dismemberment, and for the promotion of good government and religious toleration, which the King's government has undertaken." The States of India by Sir William Lee-Warner at p. 314. The Butler Committee could hardly have arrived at the conclusion that they did but for sufficient material before them. Sir Lewis Tupper, whom Sir William Barton calls the High Priest of the Political Department, the author of the "Secret Book," goes a step further when he says that the position of the States is constitutional, that the political supremacy of Parliament is undoubted, that the States are subordinate to the Government of India and that Government is both created by Parliament and responsible to it. ("Our Indian Protectorate" by Tupper p. 353 and onwards). Tupper's opinion is modified as a matter of strict legal theory inasmuch as it is now declared that the States are under the suzerainty of the British Crown. In actual result, if the Crown in Parliament is considered to be the fountain head of all authority, the attempted distinction will seem to be one without a difference. Tupper argues (p. 353 of the same book) that from "the point of view of the duty of good government Native rulers may be regarded as agents or great hereditary officers of the British Empire at large for the administration of its vast and varied possessions." Princes' protagonists argue that this position nullifies the solemn assurances given to the rulers. In the midst of this controversy, let us not attempt now to define the position which Sir Samuel Hoare said in the British Parliament, was indefinite. The whole situation may be summed up in the above words of Sir William Lee-Warner, that the "Princes must remember that they cannot be of the Empire and yet not of it." No exception can be taken to these words by either side. Will our Princes respond?—Yours, etc.,

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Industrial Disputes Act

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—I do not propose to enter into the details of the various clauses, all of them having been framed with the vision of Ahmedabad Textile unionism. But had Government have defeated the Bombay Labour view-point could be understood from the pivotal clause No. 7 wherein it is explicitly stated that no Trade Union has a chance of being representative on the isle of a difference between the employers and the employees except if it is recognised by the employers. This summarily lays down a requirement, an obligation on the shoulders of every labour leader to first go to the employers in the industry in which a Trade Union is formed with a request that it should be recognised as a constitutionally organised body. This is the first step in the ladder of class collaboration which Bombay Labour stolidly refuses to acknowledge as it believes in open defiance of capitalism, guided as it is under the present form of leadership. No employer in the fulness of his senses is ever expected to grant recognition to elements in Labour movement that are openly defiant of the principles for which the employers stand. A union with 5 per cent. membership minus recognition has practically no footing in the Labour world. If it at all puts up its head there is ample provision in the Bill for its rival to rise either with or without the support of the employer, in which case an internal cine fratricidal feud will take place among rival unions, absorbing all their valuable time from useful activity in the direction of service to the cause of Labour. For no organisation can stand before Law that is not registered or not representative and these ought to be this first qualification before everything else is said or done. This main condition will lead to breaking the back-bone of Labour movement so far conducted in Bombay. In Ahmedabad recognition is the feature of unionism and has been acquired long ago, so that through collaboration, the Mathiajan these has advanced far along the path of reconstruction.

Bombay maintains a rigidity of belief in the possibility and utility of class struggle alone far more than one reason. The rank and file of Bombay Labour hail from a drastically militant region. They can also bear up the strain of a struggle if they have to face a worst one. Secondly, Bombay employers have an historical tradition behind them for permitting gross corruptions in the whole of the economic system of Bombay by their mad rush for a greedy capture of markets both in this country and in others, against which neither rhyme nor reason nor law could be of any avail whatsoever, but against which only militant opposition could prove of healthy effect. Working with that belief they could not feel themselves in alliance with the various provisions of the Bill, one of which has been above explained. Believe on one hand, therefore, there will be gradual erosion from the rock of unionism in Bombay there is fear as well entertained that the clauses pertaining to Conciliation, Arbitration and Industrial Court will as well not be much taken advantage of. The object and purpose of a Conciliator, Chief Conciliator and Arbitrator are not disputed—nay, they are welcomed—but placed as they are in the present scheme of the Bill they are regarded as a part for mischief rather than an instrument of help.

The right to strike is not denied, indeed, if a Bill means a code of so many dry-as-dust clauses and has nothing like an intrinsic spirit directing its intents and purposes. Nowhere is it stated in the Bill, "thou shalt not strike": but the whole process of strike beginning with the cause or a change being notified by either side right away till the exhaustion of constitutional position is achieved is so long drawn, cumbersomely anti-strike, and positively weakening the very idea of success through strike that by the time the constitutional process ends no worker would be able to trace the word strike from the vocabulary of his mind. A strike is a red-hot iron: let it grow cold a day and its edge begins to cut the throat of the men themselves. This is what is given in the Bill and that is why Labour deplores that the right to strike is taken away. The will and the determination of the workers that had their free play hitherto have been dug up from their very roots and thrown across the hedges that barricaded the Labour movement in the Province: for Government believed that it was no conscious movement of the rank and file but a fabrication of communist leadership.

Belated efforts have been made to get modifications effected in the Bill—but no success has been achieved so far, nor can any be. It has still not got into an Act: but when it does, Labour in Bombay will be different if it submits to it. If it does not submit to it, who is bold enough to say to-day, it can offer a united front? What Asquith used to say about the German War may be recalled here, viz., "Wait and See".—Yours, etc.,

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Sub-Committee Issues Questionnaires

The Secretary, Sub-Committee, B.P.S.T. Federation, writes:—

In pursuance of the resolution passed at the Bombay Presidency Secondary Teachers' Conference Surat, the Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose of investigating into the economic and professional conditions prevalent among teachers serving in the Secondary Schools of our province has issued two Questionnaires for collecting proper data.

Questionnaire 'A' is intended for all teachers individually. Questionnaire 'B' is meant for a group of teachers employed under common conditions of service; and it may be answered by a group of teachers or by the Head of each school.

All teachers, heads of schools and Teachers' Associations in the province are earnestly requested to help the Committee in their work by supplying sufficient and authentic information on the points raised in the Questionnaires. It is hardly necessary to assure teachers that their name and place will be treated as confidential and not published, if they so desire.

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Ramdeo Podar Sees Crisis For Textile Industry As Result Of Indo-British Pact

To have no agreement, is better than the present trade agreement said Seth Ramdeo A. Podar, a leading cotton merchant and mill owner, interviewed by a "Chronicle" representative with regard to the Indo-British trade agreement.

Q: How do you say that? What are your reasons?

A: There is a belief that the United Kingdom has imported a larger quantity of Indian cotton during the last three years. It cannot, however, be said that the import was for keeping up the spirit of the agreement. The cotton prices had declined to such an attractive price that it is not only United Kingdom but countries like Germany, Belgium and France had also imported greater quantity of Indian cotton during the last three years. When it is a well-known fact that the textile industry of Britain could easily consume 10,000 bales of Indian cotton. it should have been made compulsory in any agreement between the two countries.

RUINOUS TO INDIA

The present bounty which the Lancashire industry will enjoy at the cost of the Indian mill industry will simply ruin the cotton textile industry of India. The imports of piecegoods stipulated in the proposed agreement are quite out of proportion to the export of cotton. India has been importing nearly 46 per cent. of her imports of piecegoods from the United Kingdom and in return they have taken hardly 14 per cent. of the total exports of cotton as the figures below will show. In return for these past favours India is asked to pay the penalty of a further reduction in duty of 7 1/2 per cent. on printed goods and 5 per cent. on greys, over and above the Preferences enjoyed so far.

Exports of Cotton from India in Thousands of Tons

Year	Total	U.K.	p.c. of total export	Japan	p.c. of total export.
36-37	607	81	13 p.c.	314	52 per cent.
36-37	762	101	13 p.c.	433	59 per cent.
37-38	487	70	14 p.c.	242	49 per cent.

Imports of Piecegoods into India (excluding fents) in Millions of Yards.

Year	Total	U.K.	p.c. of total import.	Japan	p.c. of total import.
35-36	947	440	46 p.c.	496	52 per cent.
36-37	764	334	44 p.c.	417	55 per cent.
37-38	591	267	45 p.c.	308	52 per cent.

Q: Do you think that the present agreement is so ruinous to the cotton textile industry of India?

CRISIS AHEAD

A: Yes, it is. The textile industry has been the centre of attraction for Provincial as well as Central Government for exacting finances. The direct and indirect taxes of both the Governments, the wage increases and allied burdens, are telling so much on the industry that it is as good as dead horse. The hopes of a bright future that were held in the last two years are no more there. If things are not amended in time it would not be long before we will have to face a crisis unprecedented in the textile industry.

HIS OBJECTIONS

Q: What are your objections for the preferences now given in the trade agreement?

A: They are many. India as a nation has boycotted foreign cloth and giving support to importation of it, in principle, is wrong. One of the reasons we prefer hand spun and handwoven khadi to our own mill-made cloth is the fact that mill-made cloth cannot be called pure Swadeshi as long as it contains foreign cotton. It was expected that the doubling of the import duty would be in the interest of the agriculturists for growing long staple cotton in India. The Finance Member also had said in his Budget speech that he hoped the duty would encourage the growth of staple cotton in India. The benefit of this duty that goes to the Lancashire industry should have been taken into consideration in the trade agreement.

IF GOVT. WERE SINCERE

If the Government were sincere and desired to benefit the agriculturists, the next step of the Government should have been to have a planned programme for the growth of long staple cotton in India in the course of two or three years and find out ways to prevent the competition of the foreign market in finer qualities of cloth say by increasing proportionate duties on the import of finer cloth. But to our surprise we now find that instead of doing anything of the like the present agreement depresses the Indian mill industry and its future and hits hard the cotton growers for whom the Finance Member had shown so much solicitude in his Budget speech.

LICENCE NOT PREFERENCE

There should not be any agreement, which stipulates the quantity to less than 10 lakhs bales importation of Indian cotton by United Kingdom. Further in the offtake Lancashire should guarantee at least 65 per cent. of Bengal, Oomras and other short staple varieties. The need of the cotton growers in India is to find a market for these short staple varieties. It is a pity that even the recommendations of the majority view of the non-official advisers' report has been ignored. It is no trade preference but a trade licence The agreement is so ridiculous when compared to the Indo-Japanese trade agreement.

I hope the Assembly will strongly oppose this agreement when it comes before them for consideration.

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Leaders Plea For Expediting Formation Of Working Committee

ALLAHABAD, Mar. 24.

With the arrival of Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Acharya Kripalani and the presence of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad here, the centre of political interest has shifted to Allahabad for the time being.

Though Mahatma Gandhi has come here to see Maulana Azad who is in sick bed, the opportunity is being availabled by the old members of the Working Committee to discuss with Gandhiji the political situation in the country "vis-a-vis" the Congress affairs.

Soon after arrival all leaders were closeted with Mahatma Gandhi at his room in Anand Bhawan. It is understood that Mahatmaji acquainted Maulana Abul Kalam Azad with the gist of his talks with the Viceroy over the Rajkot issue and other matters. The Maulana is also reported to have acquainted Gandhiji with his impressions of the Tripuri Congress and the implications of the resolutions passed there. Thereafter a general exchange of views regarding the various urgent issues confronting the country and the Congress is understood to have taken place.

Though strict secrecy is being maintained as to the nature of talks, the "United Press" gathers that the leaders sought the advice of Mahatma Gandhi with regard to the present deadlock created in Congress politics due to the non-appointment of the Congress Working Committee.

It is learnt that they impressed on Gandhiji that due to the non-appointment of the Working Committee the Congress machinery is at a standstill, thereby delaying the implementing of the resolutions passed at Tripuri. In view of the serious international political situation and its likely repurcussion on India, the country cannot afford to continue any longer without the Working Committee which is to give the correct lead to the people of the country at this juncture.

It is understood that several leaders have requested the President to expedite the formation of the Working Committee.—United Press

(SEE PAGE 20).

TRADE AGREEMENT HELPS LANCASHIRE

East India Cotton Association's Telegram To Govt.

The Managing Committee of the East India Cotton Association met yesterday and after discussing fully the various aspects of the New Indo-British Trade Agreement, authorised the Vice-President of the Association Mr. Haridas Madhavdas to send a telegram to the Government of India Commerce Department.

The telegram characterises the new Trade Agreement as "substantial departure from majority non-official advisors recommendations in connection with major questions involved"

The telegram also takes strong exception to the concessions given to the United Kingdom in respect of piecegoods and regards it as "one more effort on the part of Lancashire to weaken the Indian textile industry.

LANCASHIRE'S GROUSE AGAINST TRADE AGREEMENT

LONDON, March 24.

The Cotton Trade League meeting at Manchester has made a statement declaring that the Anglo-Indian Trade Agreement illustrated the need for a firmer front in trade negotiations and for the appointment of a Ministry of Commerce.

The League considers that the reduction of duty and quota is far from satisfactory and declares that the hard bargaining Indians should be an example to the British Government in future trade negotiations.

The statement adds: "It is safe to assume that if Lancashire does secure a larger portion of the Indian market, Indian competition in the Empire and colonial markets will be intensified. In view of the fact that foreign countries are subjected to quotas in our colonial markets any increase, which Indian mills may achieve can only be at the expense of Lancashire's exports to those markets.

GANDHI SEVA SANGH CONFERENCE

Will Be Held At Brindaban In April

WARDHAGANJ, Mar. 24.

The Secretary of the Gandhi Seva Sangha informs the Associated Press that the Fifth Gandhi Seva Sangha Conference will be held at Brindaban village near Bettiah, in the District of Champaran, Bihar, from April 20 to 26. —A. P.

HUNGER-STRIKE ABANDONED

Govt. Concede Under-Trials' Demands

PATNA, Mar. 24.

Mr. Rahul Sankirtyana has abandoned the hunger-strike in the Chapra sub-jail where he and about 50 Kisan workers, arrested in connection with the Baksht Satyagraha at Amwari, are lodged as under-trials, Government having conceded all his demands. —United Press.

Alleged Falsification Of Accounts

Allegations of falsification of accounts and changing of minutes of meetings were made against certain directors, auditors and accountants and management of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., by Mr. A. R. Subedar before Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate on Friday at the Mazagaon Court.

The complainant in the course of his evidence before the Court said that certain pages were substituted in the minutes book of Statutory Meetings of Messrs Narottam, Ltd., in 1922.

In the course of his cross-examination by Mr. S. G. Velinkar, the complainant stated that page 13 of the minutes book containing the signature of Mr. Narottam was intact while pages 11 and 12 were substituted.

The case was adjourned to April 5th for further cross-examination.

CALCUTTA. It is understood that the Government of Bengal have worked a scheme for establishing medical units, one in each District, to render medical relief to people of the locality. Qualified medical men will be in charge of each unity which will work under the direction of the District Magistrate. The scheme will be put in operation shortly.

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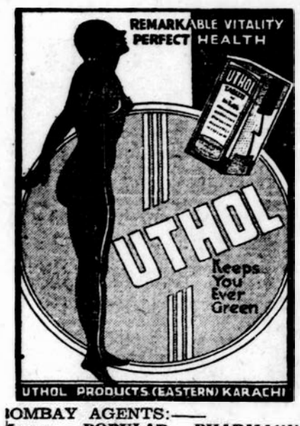

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Government Out To End Communal Bitterness

It Is Ever Watchful To Note Recent Happenings

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DISCUSSION ON THE CUT-MOTION UNDER THE HEAD "HOME DEPARTMENT," MOVED BY MR. ALI BAHADUR KHAN, TO STRESS THE NECESSITY OF CHECKING COMMUNAL PROPAGANDA WAS RESUMED IN THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY, THE HON. MR. G. V. MAVLANKAR, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY WAS IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan referred to the activities of political parties in Muslim areas in the city, inflammable articles in some Urdu papers and speeches made at Chowpatty by the Mahasabhites in connection with the Hyderabad Satyagraha.

The Leader of the Opposition, while appreciating the principle underlying the motion, said that the mover had travelled a considerable distance, as far as details were concerned. Some of the extracts in Urdu papers made him believe that the mover was personally in danger, and he saw in them an invitation to come back to the Muslim fold. It was, however, painful that he was not with them. He had however survived all the attacks and he was quite hale and hearty. The details he had mentioned were not of such a nature for the House to consider and decide upon.

CAUSES OF MALADY

The Hon. Mr. K. M. Munshi, Minister for Law and Order, appreciated the difference in the conduct of a debate on communal tension carried on now, and in August 1937. He traced the causes and symptoms of the malady, the restrictive and constructive aspects of Governments policy which was systematic instead of being one, as with the previous Government, based on fluctuating decisions He appealed to all who tried to create an atmosphere by emphasising communal differences and thereby create communal bitterness, to emphasise the real question, that was to make people understand the non-religious nature of our life and problems.

He reiterated the policy adopted by Government in this regard and added that Government was watchful and had taken due note of the recent happenings referred to by the mover of the cut. District officials had been asked not to be faked or bullied into departing from the course Government had laid down.

The motion then put to vote and lost.

INCITEMENT TO COMMUNAL HATRED

After lunch, the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

Mr. Khan moved a cut of Rs. 100 under the head: "Home Department Grant for Rs. 2,14,400."

He read extracts from several Urdu papers, which he stated, indulged in the merry game of inciting communal hatred.

At meetings, held at Chowpatty, speakers made such rabid communal speeches that he thought that a riot was sure to follow, if those responsible were not checked. His information went to show that Rashtriya Sangh was out to annihilate the Mussalmans. He charged the present Government with being weak-kneed.

Sir Ali Mahomed Khan Dehlavi stated that, if he had influence, he would persuade Mahatma Gandhi to enter a fast unto death till the Hindus and Mahomedans come to an agreement. He referred to the agitation that was being carried on by the Hindu Maha Sabhaites in Maharashtra which he thought, was spreading communal poison, sowing seeds of disunion and discord between the two communities.

MUNSHI EXPLAINS POLICY

Mr. Munshi, in a lengthy speech, explained the policy of the Government in matters communal. He was sure that the policy pursued by the present Government was appreciated by the members as was evident from the few speakers, taking part in the debate. He did not believe in the exploded theory: "The more they are beaten, the better they will be." The Hindu-Muslim problem, according to him, was a malady and unless the causes—historical and psychological,—were dealt with, it was not possible to solve the problem. The political differences between the two communities were exploited by a third party. Indian histories, written by European historians perpetuated these hostilities and false historical fables were invented.

The policy of the present Government, he asserted was to steer clear of both the parties, undeterred by insinuations made by any. The causes of the unfortunate problem had to be treated sympathetically and not ruthlessly The Government would allow complete freedom of speech and press, provided their activities did not provoke violence or lead to communal bitterness. But if the Government found that their activities were directed to these ends, they would not hesitate to do everything in their power to check them. This policy, which had been pursued by the Government had met with success.

He thought that some extreme Muslims formed a counterpart of the Hindu Mahasabha. The Government, he assured the House, would not meddle with the activities of any Association as long as it did not advocate violence or communal bitterness.

PEOPLE LIVING ON DREAMS

Continuing Mr. Munshi said that there were fanatics on both the sides who lived on dreams, woven out historical tales of old India, fools who misread history and forgot many things which made Hindus and Muslims as one.

The same Indian blood ran in the veins of both. The economic interdependence was complete and inalienable.

A PASSING PHASE

Propaganda referred to by the mover of the cut, to create and perpetuate communal differences, he thought, was a passing phase and Government had done much to enlist the good opinions of both Hindus and Muslims and that was an achievement for which Government could take credit. He knew that at election times, such false issues were raised and now there was no such occasion, the country would be safe at least for three more years. He wanted that both the parties should emphasise the inherent unity of all the communities in the country.

ALI BAHADUR'S REPLY

Mr. Ali Bahadurkhan replying stated that during the last two years, the situation had become worse and that Muslims were going farther and farther from the Congress. He, then, referred to his own position which he started was peculiar. The Muslims considered him to be a Congressite and the Congress considered him to be a Muslim. Therefore he sat there and he was being prevailed upon by leaders of his community to join their ranks.

The speech of the Minister purported to state that no action would be taken against those who were openly inciting communal violence.

Mr. Munshi stated his reply was not capable of being misunderstood and misrepresented. He had made it clear, he pointed out, that so long as there was no incitement to violence or possibility of out-break of violence, Government would maintain its policy which had proved itself highly successful, beyond their expectations, that was to give full freedom of speech and action upto a point.

The motion was lost.

TRIKAL'S SECURITY

Mr. G. K. Phadke (Democrat) moved a cut of Rs. 100 to raise a debate on Government's action in demanding security of 3,000 from "Trikal," a Marathi newspaper printed at Poona.

Mr. M. M. Patil (Muslim League) moved another cut of Rs. 100 to raise a debate on the demand of security of Rs. 2,000 from "Ansar".

(Mr. S. V. Parulekar (I.L.P.) moved an amendment to reduce the grant by one rupee so as to convert the motion into a censure motion.

Mr. Phadke, speaking on his motion, charged Government with being touchy in regard to Muslim feelings and sentiments. He regretted that Government should have demanded securities from "Trikal" on a very weak case.

Mr. Parulekar thought that the Press Emergency Act, by means of which securities were demanded did not materially differ from the Press ordinances of 1930. It had to be remembered that the Ordinances were based on the Press Act of 1910, decried by all political parties.

Mr. M. M. Patel thought that it was not an offence to defend oneself by way of replying to the criticisms of the Mahasabha papers. That was what "Ansar" did and he appealed to Government to withdraw the order.

WANTED A "FREE PRESS"

Mr. Karandikar, Editor and Printer of "Trikal" wanted to speak after the Minister gave his reply: but as he would not be present on that day, he felt compelled to speak. He supported both the amendments because the action taken by Government touched the root of the matter, namely the existence and preservation of a Free Press in the Province.

Mr. Munshi replying stated that a peculiar situation had arisen and therefore Government had to take the action it had taken. But that action was carried out in a manner and with the object of not taking away any privileges of individuals or movements, working within their legitimate bounds, not to save Government's skin or perpetuate their existence, as was suggested, but only to prevent any likely outburst of violence.

In this connection he recalled how Government, being new, did not take any action against certain papers which incited riot in the city, before the one-day general strike was launched upon last year. Because Government refrained from its duty, he added, there was blood-shed in the streets of Bombay.

TO PREVENT VIOLENCE

In Sholapur there was acute Hindu-Muslim controversy and both the Hindus and Muslims of that place were on the edge of a precipice. There was mutual recrimination between Hindus and Muslims over the Hyderabad Satyagraha issue and there were some persons flitting between Sholapur and Hyderabad. The situation was so serious that incidents were to be watched from day to day and had to be properly controlled.

In such a state, he asked what else Government could have done in regard to certain papers, extracts from the writings of which he read out, were carrying on something more of a nature of a drunken brawl than newspaper writing? Government would certainly allow legitimate activities but it had to be remembered that it had certain obligations also.

Mr. Munshi had not concluded his reply, when the House adjourned till Saturday (to-day) at 8-30 a.m.

MADRAS CORPORATION

To Collect Entertainment Tax For Government

MADRAS, Mar. 23.

The Commissioner of the Madras Corporation has suggested that the City Council might agree to the proposal of the local Government to collect on their behalf the proposed entertainment tax, as, in his opinion, the Corporation stands to gain by the arrangement.

According to the prescribed scale, the total estimated income would be Rs. 2,13,000, out of which the Corporation would be entitled to a contribution of Rs. 1,06,000 on the basis of the average income derived during the last three years. On the balance payable to Government, the Corporation would get a commission of 10 per cent. or about Rs. 10,700. —United Press.

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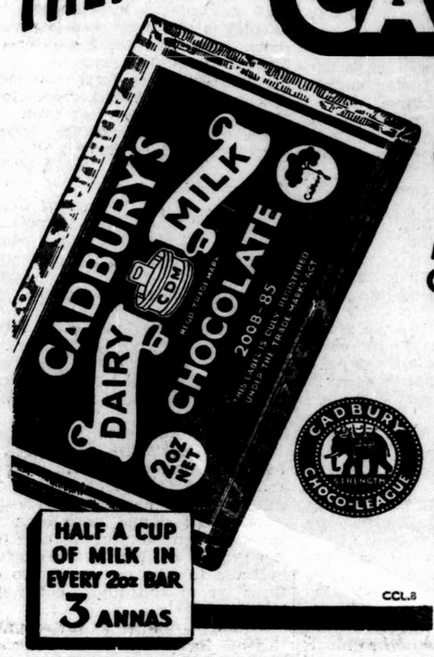

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High Court Sanctions Trustees' Proposal To Donate Money For Agricultural College

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OBJECTS OF TRUST.

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The plaintiffs stated that the Government were prepared to accept the sum of Rs. 9 lakhs for the establishment of a school called "Mansukhlal Chhaganlal Institute of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Agriculture" with a view to impart education and encourage research into such subjects.

The Government, however, had proposed certain conditions. One of these was that the Institute should be open to all communities in the Bombay Presidency, provided there were at least 50 Hindu students from the Bombay Presidency who would be awarded scholarships of from Rs. 5 to Rs. 10 each.

FREED SITE FOR COLLEGE.

The Government had agreed to give free land for the building and to spend Rs. 60,000 a year for the maintenance of the school. There was also an offer of Rs. 6 lakhs for the Institute from Sheth Maganlal Goenka, which the Government had accepted.

The plaintiffs stated that they had accepted the offer of the Government, subject to the Court's sanction, and they were of opinion that the objects of the Trust could be better served by this course than otherwise.

The Advocate-General supported the plaintiffs' proposal.

His lordship granted the sanction as asked for by the plaintiff.

War Risk Rates Doubled Sequel To Uncertainty Of European Situation

BOMBAY, March 24.

According to private advices received in Bombay by leading Insurance Houses, following the uncertainty of the European situation, war risk rates from India to Continental and American ports have been doubled.

The Bombay Underwriters Association has not yet had any official intimation from the London Institute of Underwriters but it is generally anticipated that official information will be forthcoming by this evening. —A. P.

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J. N. PETIT INSTITUTE

Fight For Member's Rights At Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the J. N. Petit Institute was held, on Friday evening, under the Chairmanship of Sir Byramji Jeejeebhoy (Kt.)

The annual report for the year 1938, presented at the meeting stated that the Institute had 3941 members, out of whom 2437 were Parsis, 1112 Hindus, 220 Christians, and 154 Muslims.

EXTENSION OF BUILDING

Regarding the extension of the Institute building, the report stated that the completion of the extension work would constitute a landmark in its progress as a popular and useful Library and Reading Room in the city. In the new reading room there would be seating accommodation for over 300 members. It would be equipped with new and suitable furniture and a portion of the room would be set apart for the use of lady members. It was also intended to provide a well equipped separate reference and study room for the members.

The total amount of Rs. 8096 was spent during the year under review, towards the purchase of books on various subjects. There were 408 different papers and periodicals subscribed by the Institute at a total of Rs. 12,586.

FIGHT FOR MEMBER'S RIGHTS

At the meeting, Mr. Homi J. B. Chinoy on behalf of the members put up a fight against the alleged autocratic and highhanded manner in which the legitimate rights of the members of the Institute were shelved in the background.

The meeting passed a resolution, moved by Mr. Homi J. Chinoy requesting the Managing Committee to redress the grievances of the second and third class members regarding the issue of magazines and periodicals.

The meeting also adopted by a large majority Mr. H. J. Chinoy's amendment proposing the following gentlemen to be elected Mr. H. J. B. Chinoy, and Mr. E. A. Anklesaria.

At the instance of Mr. Chinoy another resolution was carried, congratulating the Trustees of the Institute in general and Mr. A. K. Munshi in particular, for their efforts in connection with the extension work.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks accorded to the President.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation met on Friday afternoon when Mr. A. P. Sabawala, Chairman, welcomed Mr. D. V. Nadkarni, who acted for six months as Deputy Municipal Commissioner and for some time as Municipal Commissioner and wished him a prosperous future.

Mr. Sabawala also as Chairman moved to place on record the Standing Committee's appreciation of the work done by Mr. S. N. Damle in the discharge of his duties as Municipal Secretary for six months. The resolution was carried unanimously.

At the earlier stage the chairman referred to the death of Mr. N. D. Mehta who was once Deputy Municipal Commissioner and also Municipal Commissioner during the absence on leave of Sir A. R. Dalal. Mr. Sabawala said the late Mr. N. D. Mehta was gifted with administrative abilities and was a man of great scholarship. He sympathised with the family of the deceased in their bereavement.

PRESS GALLERY ASSOCIATION

Mr. B. H. Rau Elected President

Mr. B. H. Rau ("Times of India") was elected President of the Press Gallery Association of the Legislative Assembly at its annual meeting on Friday.

The following were the rest of the office-bearers elected by the Association:—

Mr. Mahashabde ("Navakal") and Mr. Butuk Desai ("Hindustan Prajamitra"): Joint Honorary Secretaries and Mr. Kulkarni ("Dnyana Prakash," Poona) as Treasurer.

The following members were elected as members of the Executive Committee:

Messrs. Ramchandra Nair ("Free Press"), Umesh Sirur ("Times of India") and Rajadhyaksha ("Kesari," Poona).

ACQUITTED OF INCENDIARISM

Man Who Was Said To Have Set Fire To Shop For Insurance Money

Before Mr. Justice Wassoodev and a common jury at the High Court Sessions, one Jagjivandas Jamnadas was put up on the charge of setting fire to his own grocery shop at Sandhurst Road.

On January 17, 1938, some of the neighbours noticed smoke coming out of the accused's shop and got into touch with the fire brigade which soon extinguished the fire.

The goods in the shop were later examined by representatives of the insurance company with which they were insured, and, it was stated, they detected a smell of kerosene oil in some of the articles.

The motive alleged by the prosecution was that the accused wanted to secure the insurance money.

The jury having returned a verdict of "not guilty," his lordship acquitted the accused.

SAHITYA SANSAD.

Hon. Secretaries of the Sahitya Sansad write:—

"With a view to meet the financial requirements of the Society we have decided, on advice of a good many friends and sympathisers to stage a Gujarati drama called "Sneh Sambhram" by Mr. K. M. Munshi on Wednesday, 29th March, (Ramnavami) at the Royal Opera House. The drama will be staged by well-known amateurs. Tickets can be had from the office of the Society (Messrs. Manilal Kher and Ambalal, Solicitors' office) as well as from Hon. Secretaries, Treasurers and the Gujrati Hindu Stree Mandal."

EDGAR WALLACE "THRILLER"

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delightful touch of cockney comedy to provide welcome relief. Of the cast in this Michael Balcon production, especially telling are the Meister of "Wilfrid Lawson, played on mocking, sardonic lines the bland police surgeon of Alexander Knox; Louise Henry's assertive portrait of the killer's wife, and the diverting Cockney humour of Sonnie Hale as a lag out on licence to help the police in their quest for the killer.

HISTORICAL EPICS GALORE

The movie houses are in for a wave of "epics" this year.

Hollywood is turning to the history books and dramatizing great lives and important events out of the past for all it is worth. Colourful backgrounds range from the jousting tournaments of Camelot to the aerial battlefields of the World War.

At Paramount, Producer Albert Lewwin is preparing the script of "Knights of the Round Table," a star-studded-super-special concerned with King Arthur and his medieval buckaroos.

William Wellman is producing and directing "Beau Geste," dramatic story of three brothers in the French Foreign Legion, with Gary Cooper, Ray Milland and Robert Preston.

SEA STORY.

Frank Lloyd is getting ready to film "Ruler of the Seas," telling of the last days of sailing ships and the beginning of the age of steam.

Cecil B. De Mille is puttee-deep in "Union Pacific," saga of the rail-roads, with Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea.

Twentieth Century-Fox has just completed "Jesse James," with Tyrone Power in the title role. From this studio also will come Don Ameche in "The Life of Alexander Graham Bell" and "Stanley and Livingstone."

RKO's major contribution will be "Gunga Din," featuring Victor McLaglen, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and George Brent. Although a germination of Kipling's poem, the story of this one has more than a mere flavour of history.

DARING CAREER.

The daring career of Maxmillian and his Empress is told in Warner Brothers' "Juarez," starring Paul Muni and Bette Davis. Also before Warner cameras is "Dodge City," teaming Errol Flynn and Olivia De Havilland.

Columbia is making "Plane No. 4," a tale of the air mail, with Jean Arthur and Cary Grant. Samuel Goldwyn will do "The Last Frontier," concerning the Phillippine war, and Richard Dix goes pioneer in Republic's biggie, "Wagons Westward," with Gail Patrick.

And we don't want to bore you, but David O. Selznick says he expects to get under way with "Gone With the Wind" almost any day now.

Semi-historical pictures with a modern flavour include Paramount's "Air Raid," with Madeleine Carroll and Fred MacMurray, and "Confessions of a Nazi Spy Ring" at Warner's.

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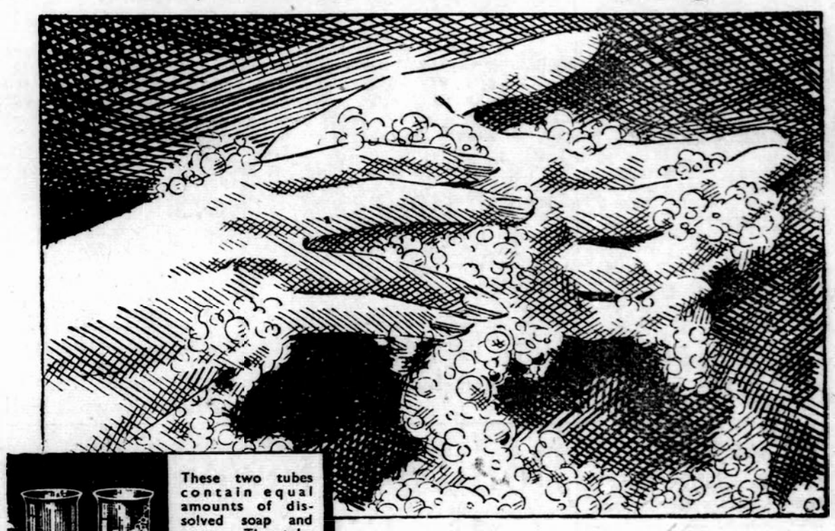

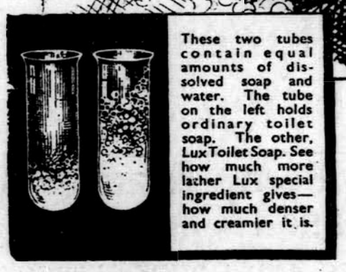

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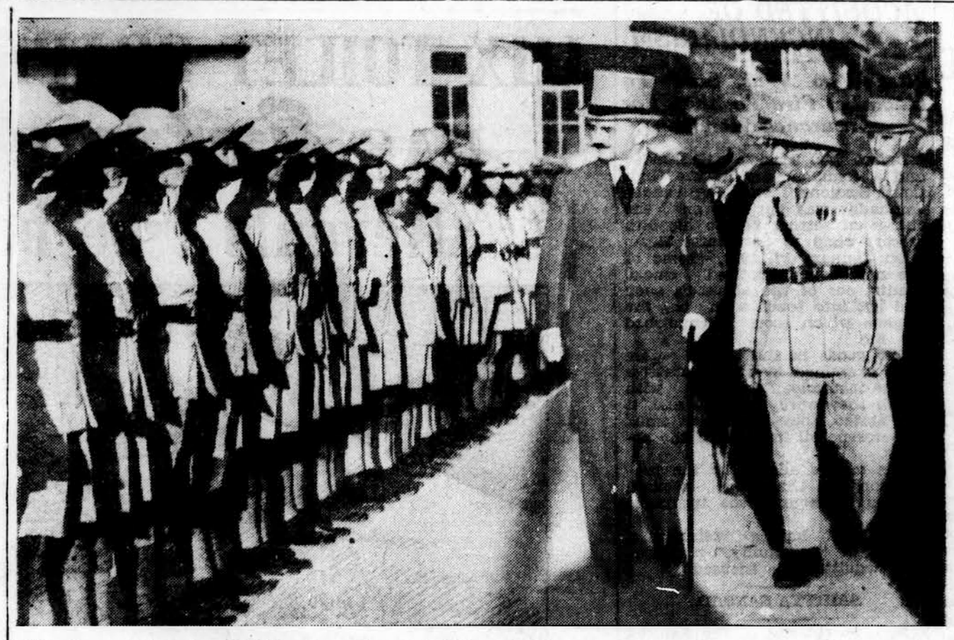

Sir Roger Lumley inspecting the St. John Ambulance Brigade (overseas) at the new premises near Town Hall on Wednesday.

Bombay Prepares For Prohibition Week

1,000 Volunteers Ready For Propaganda Campaign

MASS MEETINGS AND ROUTE MARCHES INCLUDED IN PROGRAMME

BOMBAY, Friday.

A thousand volunteers belonging to over 40 organisations have so far been requisitioned for the Prohibition Week which will be inaugurated in the City to-morrow (Saturday). A Board known as the Prohibition Volunteer Board composed of four members will guide the activities of volunteers during the week. The main purpose of the Board is to co-ordinate the efforts of the different volunteer organisations as also to provide the necessary training to volunteers in the matter of conducting the propaganda campaign.

The working out of the details of the propaganda campaign are entrusted to the Prohibition Propaganda Board which is directly responsible to the Government. Working under the Prohibition Board will be four other Boards, one for conducting press propaganda, a second for arranging public meetings, a third for co-ordinating the efforts of different volunteer organisations and the fourth composed of representatives of public organisations.

MASS MEETINGS

The main items in the Prohibition Week which is to be inaugurated on Saturday will be seven mass meetings in different parts of the City, route marches by volunteers, and cycle processions. Lady volunteers will go round the City with placards depicting the horrors of the evil of drink.

Six lorries fitted with loud speakers will be utilised for propaganda work every morning. Thousands of handbills urging the citizens to co-operate in the matter of rendering Prohibition a success will be distributed in every locality.

BRITAIN PLAYING FOR TIME

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ignore the basic fact that there is no peace in Palestine. The Arab has to be assured that he is to be saved from the depredations of the Jewish Agency and the vindictive repression of the Local Administration. This brooks no delay.

A "False Alarm"

Meanwhile press reporters are using all the known devices of the trade to find out what is going on behind the closed doors of St. James's Palace. Reports, official and clandestine, when boiled down, lead to one or two fairly reasonable deductions. First, the refusal of the Jews to break bread with the British Government and the decision of the American section, of that vast body known as the Jewish Delegation, to recross the Atlantic, led such past masters of euphemistic vagueness as Reuter's, to flash out that Great Britain, finding the Mandate much too burden—some and thankless a task, was contemplating the institution of an independent Government in Palestine as visualized in the Covenant of the League of Nations. People in Jerusalem, Nablus, Haifa, Jaffa and other centres could not believe their eyes when they read the news. The Arabs came out in their thousands with bands and music, carrying the Union Jack at the head of their processions. British soldiers joined the crowds willingly and joyfully. In one city a Tommy carried a Palestine flag, an Arab the Union Jack and between the two a picture of the Grand Mufti.

Jewish Outrages

The Jews on the other hand, arranged a series of bombing outrages in different places to give expression to their disappointment. The dignitories of the Christian Churches at Haifa, wired to the High Commissioner and sought protection against the dangers of Jewish outrages in language which needs no comment. The telegram, sent by Catholic Church-Basilius Kassis. Orthodox Church-Mikhail Oweis. Maronite Church-Antoine Khoriach. Latin Church-P. Michel. Protestant Church-N. A. Kubein. American Church-Houssik Wartabat. Coptic Church-Mathas Antoni, poignantly describes the havoc wrought in that town. It reads:—

"Spiritual Heads Christian Communities Haifa respectfully painfully and most emphatically condemn this mornin's several clandestinely arranged bombed outrages, victimising innocent peaceful Arabs, including women, just at the moment (when) Arabs' sincere candid rejoicing over first gleam of hope for favourable solution Palestine Problem. Yesterday British Officers and Troops were cheered and entertained by Arab crowds (and) this morning hospitals are overflowing with Arab victims. If British inclination to do Arabs justice, long due, is met by Jewish spite, only immediate justice to Arabs, definitely declared, can put an end to futility of uncertainty. Jewish super-numerary police untrustworthy unreliable (and) constant cause of irritation. Their immediate discharge emphatically urged. Kindly convey forthwith foregoing to London Conference".

An Arab-Jewish State

That a Jewish State in Palestine is "ruled" out and an Arab-Jewish State is contemplated may be taken as a fact. The problem is what form this independence will take? The Arabs are prepared to give guarantees to protect the rights of the non-Arab minorities, giving a privileged position to the Jews. They are also ready to enter into binding agreements with the British Government to safeguard its commercial and strategic interests. The Arab States may be willing to stand sureties for the good behaviour of the Arabs of Palestine. The Jews, however, will have nothing to do with anything less than their pound of flesh, that is fulfilment of the Balfour Declaration with a Jewish majority in the population and a Jewish Commonwealth to boot. Palliatives in the form of "Parity", vulgarly a 50/50 share: or "Cantonisation", with full freedom in Jewish cantons somewhat on the lines of the system prevailing in Switzerland: or 'Federation" with two separate legislatures, or a "Communal Reward", on the Indian pattern minus its defects with a bi-cameral legislature: or any other system that human ingenuity can devise, are unacceptable to them. What then is Great Britain to do?

Choice Before Britain

The Government is anxious to bring the Jew and the Arab together and would prefer to avoid the imposition of a settlement of its own. It wants to please the Jews, the Arabs, the Mussalmas of India, the President of America and the Jewish and pro-Jewish Press and Voter at home. The ambition may be laudable but appears to be difficult of achievement. You cannot please all. The Jews seem to be bent upon goading Great Britain into a policy favourable to themselves but dangerous to her world interests. In a world heading straight for the next Armageddon the choice of the English will swing between strategy and finance; if the former then the Arab and the Mussalman; if the latter then the Jew and Wall Street. England cannot afford to antagonise the inhabitants of the Near East through which passes the Suez Canal.

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AT THE DOCTOR'S
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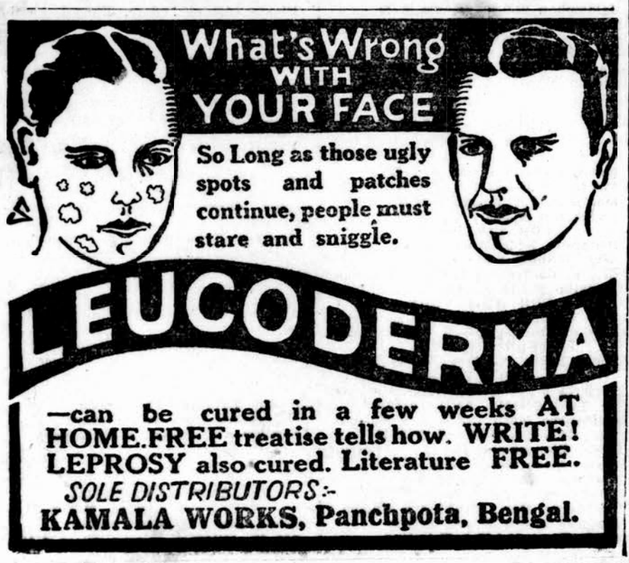

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WEEKLY MARKET REVIEWS

European Political Developments Dominate

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY, March 24

MONEY

There was practically no change in the short-term money market, day-to-day loans being quoted at 1-3/4 per cent

The statement of the Reserve Bank of India made up to 17th March 1939 reveals an increase of Rs. 209.94 lacs in Government Deposits, whereas Banks' Deposits are fractionally down by Rs. 26.92 lacs. Balances held abroad record a decrease of Rs. 46.85 lacs and the ratio of gold plus sterling assets to total liabilities is down to 50.397 per cent. Ways and means Advances to Government are up by Rs. 33 lacs and the items of 'Investments' is down by Rs. 24.21 lacs. The active note circulation has decreased by Rs. 203.13 lacs and the Rupee coin in circulation has also decreased by Rs. 37.96 lacs.

The statement of the Imperial Bank of India made up to the same date records an increase of Rs. 98.21 in Deposits. The Investment Portfolio of the Bank is up Rs 23.50 lacs and Advances are up by Rs. 3.57 lacs. The Bank's Cash is also up by Rs 80.74 lacs to Rs. 15.45 crores.

Having suspended the sale of intermediates, Government were able to borrow three months' money against Treasury Bills at Rs. 2-5-10 per cent. per annum as against Rs. 2-7 per cent. in the preceding week. Total offerings amounted to Rs. 2.03 crores, of which Rs 1½ crores were accepted and a similar amount will be offered for tender next week. Fixed deposit rates were practically unchanged at 2 per cent. for three months and 1-3/4 per cent. for six months.

GILT-EDGED

Political developments in Europe dominated the gilt-edged market and the price range was comparatively wide. 3-1/2 per cent, Rupee Paper opened at Rs 95-12 and after touching Rs. 93-14, improved to Rs. 96-2, closing lower again at Rs. 94-11. 3½ per cent. India Sterling Loan opened at £ 85-3/4 and was marked down by stages to £82½ at the close. Among other redeemable scrips, there was practically no business, buyers being inclined to keep out of the market and sellers reluctant to liquidate at sacrificial prices. 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan declined from Rs. 98-15 to Rs. 98-11. 3 per cent. 1941 bonds from Rs. 101-15 to Rs. 101-11 and 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan from Rs. 100-8 to Rs. 100-4. 3½ per cent. 1947-50 loan ruled weak around Rs. 104-4, 4 per cent. 1943 bonds at Rs. 107-8, and 3 per cent. 1963-65 new loan around Rs. 97-3. 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan lost about a rupee at Rs 109-15, while 4½ per cent. 1955-60 loan was quoted down at Rs 115-4. 5 per cent. 1939-44 loan at Rs 100-12 and 5 percent. 1940-43 loan at Rs. 104-6. 5 per cent 1945-55 (tax free) loan was marked down from Rs. 114-8 to Rs. 114 at the close.

EXCHANGE

Sterling exchange opened steady with buyers at 1s. 5-31/32d. and sellers at 1s. 5-61/64d. and kept practically unchanged throughout the rest of the week. Small inquiry for remittances abroad against imports of silver was in evidence towards mid-week. Business in connection of export of gold was negligible and the showing of merchandise export bills was restricted.

Among the foreign exchanges in London, sterling was inclined to be offered against the dollar The sterling dollar cross-rate, after opening at 468.18 cents touched 468.13 cents, but improved at the close to 468.26 cents. The control was reported to have intervened vigorously at 468-1/8 cents and later pegged the rate at 468.25 cents. The premium on three months forward dollars widened from 1.65 cents to 2.46 cents on Monday, but narrowed and closed at 2.21 cents. Variations in the sterling france rate were small. After opening at frs 176.81 to the pound, the rate moved down to frs. 176.78, closing at frs. 176.82, whereas the discount on three months' forward francs widened from frs. 0.68 to frs 9.90, closing lower again at frs 0.34. Other European currencies kept pace with sterling, the sterling guilder rate moving between 8.82-3/8 an 8.81-13/16 and the sterling belga rate between 27.84-1/4 and 27.82, while the Italian lira fluctuated between 89.06 and 88.97. The Shanghai dollar and the yen showed little or no change around 8d and 1s. 2d.

GOLD

Opening at Rs. 36-15-9, spot gold advanced in sympathy with the movements in the sterling dollar cross-rate to Rs. 37-0-6, but declined towards the close to Rs. 37-0. Gold for delivery during April settlement was quoted at six pies over spot, while May settlement commanded a premium of six pies over April settlement. In London, the price of the metal varied between 148s. 6½d. and 148s 5d. The premium over the dollar arbitrage parity moved between 1d and ½d. Sovereigns in the local market were neglected, the quotation being unchanged at Rs. 23-10-6 both for spot and forward delivery Floating stocks of gold in the market are estimated at about 75,000 tolas, arrivals from upcountry at 20,000 tolas a day and the daily offtake at 1,500 tolas. Gold bullion and coins worth Rs. 1,08,992 were imported during the week, whereas last week's shipment to London per s. s. Strathmore is valued at Rs. 8,84,519 The highest and lowest rates recorded during the week were; Rs 37-0-9 and Rs 36-15-9 for spot, Rs 37-1-6 and Rs 37-0-3 for April settlement and Rs 37-2 and Rs. 37-1 for May settlement.

SILVER.

Since the beginning of the current year, the past was one of the busiest weeks in the silver market. Price fluctuations were comparatively wide and were influenced by varying reports about European political situation. Spot silver opened at Rs. 52-14 and improved to Rs 52-15-6, but declined at the close to Rs. 52-7-0. Large-scale buying for forward delivery resulted in a narrower backwardation. Whereas April settlement was quoted at 3½ annas under spot at the opening, the backwardation later narrowed to half an anna and the backwardation between April and May settlements narrowed from the opening level of 3½ annas to 1 anna 3 pies at the close. In London spot silver opened at 20-1/4d. and after declining to 19-15/16d. closed higher at 20d. while the discount on two month's forward delivery narrowed from 9/16d. to 3/16d. on Saturday, but widened at the close to 3/8d. Stocks in the market are estimated at about 1,100 bars, while the daily offtake average 30 bars. Silver coins valued at Rs. 44,528 were imported during the week. The highest and lowest rates touched during the period under report were; Rs. 52-15-6 and Rs. 52-7-0 for spot. Rs. 52-13-6 and Rs. 52-6-0 for April settlement and Rs. 52-11-6 and Rs. 52-5-0 for May settlement.

SHARES

Political situation in Europe was the dominant factor on the local stock market which remained hesitant throughout the period under report. Prices oscillated within a comparatively narrow range during the early part, but there was a marked recovery mid-week on better news from Europe Towards the close, however, prices eased somewhat.

Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds recovered from Rs. 1072-8 to Rs. 1152-8, whilst Ordinaries went ahead from Rs. 240 to Rs. 252, closing lower at Rs. 1135 and Rs. 247-8 respectively. Cotton mill shares were adversely affected by the publication of the draft Indo-British Trade Agreement whereby concessions are proposed to be granted on imports of cotton piecegoods from Lancashire. Bombay Dyeings, as a result, declined to Rs. 815, closing better at Rs. 833-12. Centuries likewise dropped to Rs. 212, Central Indias to Rs. 209 and Kohinoors to Rs. 220, but recovered and closed at Rs. 224, Rs. 215 and Rs. 223 in sympathy with the general tone of the market. Colaba Lands were quoted at Rs. 109xd at the end, whereas New Greats, which had declined to Rs. 198xd on Monday, recovered at the close to Rs. 201. Hydro-electric shares were easier in sympathy with gilt-edged; Tata Powers declined from Rs. 1260 to Rs. 1245, Tata Hydros from Rs. 150 to Rs. 146 and Andhra Valleys from Rs. 1405 to Rs. 1392-8, but recovered and closed at Rs. 1252-8. Rs. 146-8 and Rs. 1405 respectively. Bombay Trams, however, ruled steady throughout around Rs. 126-8. Amongst Banks, Bank of India showed a consistent decline from Rs. 137 to Rs. 134-8 at the finish, whilst Central Banks moved narrowly between Rs. 31-4 and Rs. 30-12. Imperial Bank Fully Paids were done at Rs. 1517-8 and Partly Paids at Rs. 367-8, while Reserve Bank were fairly steady around Rs. 112-4. In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements evinced a steady tone, the quotation making headway from Rs. 111-8 to Rs. 113-4 at the end, whilst Belapurs, after a setback mid-week to Rs. 171-8, ruled steady around Rs. 173. Bombay Burmas after being easier at Rs. 421-8 mid-week closed better at Rs. 430. Scindia Steams were fairly well maintained around Rs. 13-2.

WOMEN ALLEGED TO HAVE DUPED MERCHANT

Story Of Substitution Of Gold Ear-Rings With Silver Ones

Two women who went to a shop at Jail Road in Dongri with the ostensible purpose of buying ornaments are alleged to have replaced some gold ear-rings with silver ear-rings washed with gold.

It was stated that when the Marwari shopkeeper saw them replacing the articles in the cupboard, the women are stated to have walked away some distance. They were ultimately traced to Sankli Street.

Kulsumbibai Suleman and Sheobai Dharma were ordered to be enlarged on bail in a sum of Rs. 100 at the Mazagon Court.

SHORTAGE OF INDIAN SUGAR

Bombay, March 22.

JAVA SUGAR.

As already reported, owing to very high prices ruling in Indian markets for Indian sugar for some time due to heavy shortage of Indian crop for the current season, very large business was placed during last few weeks by the merchants in India in Java market for shipments of White Java sugar from February to September shipments. This naturally led to arrivals of big consignments of Java sugar probably after a lapse of two years. S. S. Hope Prest with 5100 tons and S.S. Harmatten with 2300 tons (total 7400 tons) arrived here from Java during the week and it is expected that there will be regular arrivals until the prices of Indian sugars remain so high. In spite of the large arrivals, market for ready Java sugar remained very steady with an improvement of about one anna per cwt. as there was good demand from consuming centres for Java sugar where, owing to high prices, stocks of Indian sugar were reduced to very low level without any possibility of replacing the same at least in the near future. As regards forward Java sugar, local market remained very steady with an alround advance of about 1 anna. Steadiness in Java sugar for forward business was mainly due to continued good enquiries from out Ports in the local market as prices quoted by Java Exporters were higher. During the week, it was reported that some good business was placed in the market by the local Import Houses but further business was checked as quotations, received from Java were higher. Locally, there was good turn over between dealers and outsiders and some important sales were made by the dealers for out Ports at current rates. Tendency was upward.

INDIAN SUGARS.

There was little interest in Indian sugars as the local stocks are now reduced to barely 10,000 bags and prospects of any important arrivals are almost nil, as the prices ruling in supplying centres are very high with hardly any possibility of coming down to the level of Java sugar in the near future. For the present, it is clear that business will mostly be confined to Java sugar until the arrival of production of next Indian crop.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

On the New York Terminal, there was an alround advance of 2 1/2 points while on the London Terminal, market, there was an advance of 1/2d in all positions. Java sugar was reported firm. Since the "Nivas" was sold out for the 2nd quota year, Exporters in Java were firm and preferred to sell their holdings sparingly at gradually higher prices. It was already reported that good business was done by the "Nivas" for the 3rd quota year commencing from September, 1939.

CALCUTTA AND KARACHI.

There was good interest in Imported sugars as prices of Indian sugars were very high. As already reported, good business was done in both places for Java and the B. Refined sugar and it seems further business will be done so long as Indian sugar's prices rule so high. As regards Indian sugars, there was little of interest and business was confined to ready business only as there were no prospects of fresh arrivals.

GENERAL

Local market for ready Java sugar is likely to remain steady with the possibility of further small advance in prices. Looking to the present state of the market, it is likely that prices will gradually improve as long as Java market remains high. As regards the future course of the market, the situation is rather uncertain at the moment and will largely depend on the political developments in Europe.

Produce Receipts

Bombay, March 24

Wheat	883	cwts.
Linseed	2,268	cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	352	cwts.
Gingellyseed	903	cwts.
Groundnuts	6,533	cwts.
Castorseed	1,554	cwts.
Rice	35,724	cwts.
Myrabollams	3,268	cwts.
Cottonseed	10,111	cwts.
Gram	976	cwts.
Joowar	698	cwts.
Bajree	700	cwts.
Indian sugar	103	cwts.

LINSEED OIL

London, March 23.

Linseed Oil naked London per cwt. Apr. sellers	24/1 1/2
Linseed Oil naked London per cwt. May-Aug. sellers	24/1 1/2

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NEW YORK COTTON SIX POINTS DOWN

Gilt-Edgeds Dull

OILS FIRMER

BOMBAY, March 24.

NEW YORK COTTON

The cotton was dull and featureless. Washington developments are keenly awaited. The weakness in Liverpool was a contributing factor towards the decline.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Quiet conditions was noticed in to-day's markets. Home Industrials met with support. Oils ruled firmer.

Gilt-edgeds were dull.

BULLION

London gold was unchanged at £7-8-5.

In silver market, forward price gained 1/16d. owing to small Indian and American demand.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

JULY 1939

New York, March 24

Previous closing	7.99
To-day's opening	7.95
Difference	—04
To-day's closing	7.93
Difference	—06

LIVERPOOL COTTON

JULY 1939

Liverpool, March 24

Previous closing	4.60
To-day's opening	4.61
Difference	+01
To-day's closing	4.59
Difference	—01

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May 1939	Rs. 152
July August	Rs. 152

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, March 24

The New York cotton market was dull pending Washington developments. The weakness in Liverpool market, where local and Bombay selling depressed values, was also a contributing factor to the decline. Later, however, some better feeling was in evidence as a result of somewhat more cheerful European news.

The session opened trading in July option at 7.95 i.e. four points lower than the previous closing. Prices later advanced a little with July touching at 7.96 on better feeling, which caused some buying and covering.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay, March 24

During the night session of local cotton market Broach April/May opened at Rs. 151-14. The price moved up to Rs. 152-2 but closed finally at Rs. 151-14.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 24

May (8.18/8.17) 8.16/8.16
July (7.98/7.97) 7.95/7.95
October (7.61/7.60) 7.58/7.58

LIVERPOOL COTTON

London, March 24

American March (4.81) 4.81
American May (4.78) 4.77
Egyptian March (6.42) 6.35
Egyptian May (6.42) 6.35

LONDON COMMODITIES

TEAS

London, March 24

Indian Pekoe (0-10 3/4) 0-10 1/2
Indian Pekoe higher (1-5 3/4) 1-5 3/4
Ceylon Pekoe (1-1 1/2) 1-1 1/2
Ceylon Pekoe higher (1-7 1/2) 1-7 1/2

JUTE

First Marks C. I. F. Continent New Crop March April (£23 1/8 buyers) £23 paid and buyers
Dunlop March (£28 1/2) £28 1/2
Lightning March (£25 3/4) £25 3/4

RUBBER

Spot (8 paid and value) 8 1/16 paid and sellers
Forward April June (8 1/16 paid and sellers) 8 1/16 paid and buyers

SEEDS

Castorseed Bombay March April (£10 1/2 sellers) £10 1/2 sellers
Linseed La Plata March (£12 5/8 sellers) £12 5/8 sellers
Linseed La Plata March (£11 1/8 sellers) £11 1/8.
Groundnuts Coromandal April (£10 1/8 sellers) £10 1/8.

METALS

Tin (£215 buyers £215 1/4 sellers. Steady) £217 buyers £217 1/4 sellers. Very steady.
Lead (£14 3/4 buyers £14 13/16 sellers. Steady) £14 13/16 buyers £14 7/8 sellers.
Electrolytic Copper (£48 1/4 to £49 1/4) £48 1/4 to £49 1/4
Iron (102) 102

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, March 24

Liverpool wheat March delivery was [illegible]

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, March 24

Previous closing	4.68 3/8
To-day's opening	4.68 3/8
At the time of New York cotton closing	4.68 1/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, March 24

Previous closing	4.68.40
To-day's opening	4.68.37
To-day's closing	4.68.25

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London, March 24

Previous closing	176.82
To-day's opening	176.81
To-day's closing	176.82

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 24

London Exchanges opened steady with the sterling dollar at 468.37 and gradually advanced to 468.46 on speculative buying. Business was moderately active and fluctuations were confined to narrow range.

Franc opened 176.81. The market remained quiet and featureless with nothing of importance and the rate remained standstill.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 31/32) 1-5 31/32
Paris on Bombay (13.224) 13.224
New York on Bombay (35.06) 35.07
Berlin on Bombay (87 3/8) 87 3/8
London on Milan (89.05) 89.07
London on Shanghai (0-8 1/4 nominal) 0-8 1/4 nominal
London on Kobe (1-2) 1-2

BULLION

Influx (Nil) Nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Gold (£7-8-5) £7-8-5
Silver (20d.) 20d.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (5/8 to 5/8 per cent) 5/8 to 5/8 per cent
4 months (5/8 to 11/16 per cent) 11/16 to 3/4 per cent
6 months (3/4 to 7/8 per cent) 7/8 to 1 per cent

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay, March 24

The following cable regarding silver market was received in Bombay to-night:—

"India bought forward. Small American demand. Continent selling."

LONDON SILVER

London, March 24

Spot	(20d)	20d nil
Forward	(19 5/8d)	19 11/16d+1/16

LONDON GOLD

London, March 24

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£7-8-5) £7-8-5

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotation

SILVER

Bombay, March 24

Silver ready	52	9	0
Silver Chaitar	52	8	0
Silver Vaishakh	52	7	0

GOLD

Gold ready	36	15	6
Gold Chaitar	36	15	9
Gold Vaishakh	37	0	0
Sovereign	23	10	0

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, March 24

Chicago wheat market opened quiet with May quoting at 67 1/4. Later, prices rallied on better speculative buying and covering induced by steadier foreign cables with May touching at 67 1/2.

WOOL SALES

Good selection with active competition. Continent including Russia showed better interest.

Greasy inferior (0-7 3/4) 0-7 3/4
Greasy superior (1-2 1/4) 1-4 1/2
Scoured inferior (0-9 1/2) 0-10
Scoured superior (1-0 3/4) 1-2

3½% GOVT. LOAN

Latest Quotations

Bombay, March 24

3 1/2 per cent Government Paper was quoted at Rs. 95/6 at 5 p.m.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, March 24

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed at £83.

Closing quotations on the previous days were:—

Wednesday March 15, £86 1/4
Thursday March 16, £86 1/4
Friday, March 17, £85 1/4
Monday, March 20, £84
Tuesday, March 21 £83 1/2
Wednesday, March 22, £82 1/2
Thursday, March 23, £82 1/2

INDIAN LOANS

London, March 24

3-30 p.m.

3 per cent Indian (£94 1/4) £94 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£82 1/2) £83
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£107 1/2) £108
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1958/68 (£110 3/4) £111
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948-53 (£104) £104
5 per cent 1942-47 (£107) £107
5 per cent Indian 1942-47 (£98 3/4) £99

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945-55 (£102 1/2) £102 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£68) £68
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£95 1/8) £95
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£103) £103
5 per cent Funding Loan (£107 1/2) £107 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£96 3/8) £96 3/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£105 3/4) £105 3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 24

London Stock Exchange ruled quiet and featureless.

Giltedgeds were very slack. Three and half per cent loan was quoted at £83 i.e. ten shillings higher.

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (16-0) 16-10 1/2
Motors and Spencer Ordinary (57-6) 58-0
Hydro Electric (dol 4 1/4) dol 4 1/4
Elec Music Industry (11-6) 11-10 1/2
Princhin Johnson (24-1 1/2) 24-1 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30-0) 30-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary (60-0) 60-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1930 (£22 1/2) £25
Dunlop Rubber (25-7 1/2) 26
Unilever Ordinary (33-9) 34-4 1/2
Ford Motors (17-4 1/2) 17-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£41) £43
British American Tobacco Ordinary (95-7 1/2) 96-10 1/2
Carreas 'A' (£6 1/8) £6 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (131-3) 133-1 1/2
P and O. S. N. Company Deferred (21-9) 21-9

Distillers (90-6) 90-6
British Dyers (4-3) 4-3
British Celanese (4-0) 4-0
J and P Coates Ordinary (36-0) 36-0
Courtaulds Ordinary (26-3) 26-3
Fine Cotton Spinners (3-4 1/2) 3-4 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary (20-9) 21-3
Inter Nickels (dol 52 1/4) dol 52 1/4
Indian Irons (41-3) 41-3

TEA SHARES

Assam Tea (16-3) 16-3
Donaro Tea (32-6) 32-6
Empire of India (21-3) 21-3

JUTE SHARES

Barnagore (£11) £11

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (24-0) 24-6
Gula Kelampong (18-1 1/2) 18-9
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (27-0) 27-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (32-6) 32-6
Burma Corporation (8-3) 8-3
Rio Tintos (£12) £12 1/2
East Rand Proprietors (50) 50
Rand Mines (£8 1/2) £8 1/2

MINE SHARES

Crown (£15 1/4) £15 3/8
Associated Portland Cement (68-9) 69-1 1/2
Trinidad Leaseholds (81-10 1/2) 82-6
Sub Nigel (£11) £11
Spring Mines Split Shares (26-3) 26-10 1/2
Union Corporation (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (20-7 1/2) 21-7 1/2
Anglo Iranian (85-7 1/2) 86-10 1/2
Burma Oil (81-3) 81-3
Mexican Eagle (6-7 1/2) 7-1 1/2
Shell Transport (83-1 1/2) 83-9
Royal Dutch (£34 1/8) £34 5/8

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£25 1/4) £25 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£12 1/2) £12 1/2
London North Eastern Def (£2 1/4) £2 1/4
London Southern Def (£14) £14
London Transport 5 per cent (£117) £117
London Transport 'D' (£79) £82 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Markets Cheerful But Inactive

(SPECIAL CABLE)

LONDON, March 24

The Stock Exchange was very quiet but generally tending to be higher, apart from giltedged securities which eased in the absence of demand. Brazilian bonds were featured rising up to two points on rumours at present unconfirmed of a possible payment on Brazil's dollar securities.

Commodities were firm under Calcutta influences with some local bear covering. Other markets were generally cheerful but inactive.

Wall Street opened firm.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 24

General Motor (dol 46) dol 46 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 27) dol 27 5/8
U S Common New Stock (dol 56 3/8) dol 56 7/8
U S Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted

WHEAT AND LINSEED

Closing Quotations

Bombay, March 24

Wheat May	3	6	0
Wheat September	3	6	9
Linseed May	5	4	0
Linseed September	5	6	6

Liverpool Wheat

Liverpool, March 24

Liverpool wheat opened steady with New May 51d. July 52 3/4d. The market displayed considerable activity in response to steady overnight foreign advices together with reported sale of several flour cargoes to Far East. Values subsequently eased on some speculative selling.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

GOVT. SECURITIES.

Bombay, March 24.

3 1/2 per cent Paper	95/3
4 per cent 1960-70	109/14
5 per cent 1945-55	113/14

BANKS

Bank of Baroda	112/8
Bank of Hindusthan	27/8
Bank of India	134/8
Central Bank	31/2
Imperial Bank P.P.	367/8
Imperial Bank P.P.	267/8
Indian Overseas Bank	47/8
Reserve Bank	112
Union Bank	5/13

TEXTILES.

Ahmd. New Textiles	405
Ambica	251/4
Arun	215
Arvind	1150
Asok	201/4
Bharatkhand	2200
Bombay Dyeing	831/4
Buckingham and Carnatics	182
Calico	595
Central India	214/6
Century	223/2
Colaba	108/12
Delhi Cloth and Gen. Mills	480
Elgin	112/8
Gokak	128/12
Hukumchand	168/2
Indore	46/4
Jubilee	211/4
Khatau Makanji	32/8
Kohinoor	222/8
Laxmi Cotton	480
Madhusudan	200
Marsden	96/4
Morarji	115
Mysore	85
Nandlal Bhandari	77/4
New Great	200/10
Raipur	600
Rajnagar	185
Sajjan	97/8
Sassoon and Alliance	67/8
Sholapur	3175
Simplex	68/2
Swadeshi	211/4
Vishnu	1115

HYDRO ELECTRICS.

Andhra Valley Ord.	1402/8
Tata Hydro Ord.	146/4
Tata Power Ord.	1250

ELECTRICS.

Ahmedabad Electrics	141/4
Ajmer Electrics	12
Amalgamated	12/6
Bombay Suburban	142/8
Bombay Tram.	126/4
Lahore Electrics	445
Surat Electrics	167/8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown	316/14
Associated Cements	113
Belapur	172/8
Bombay Burma New	146/4
Bombay Burma Old	428/12
Bombay Steam	210/10
Bombay Telephone	80
Br. B. Petrol	3/6/6
Burma Corporation	5/11
Dalmia Cement	9/12
Indian Bleaching	102/8
Industrial Investment Tr.	40/8
Indian Radio Ord.	380
Indian Radio Defd.	390
Indian Copper	2/0/6
Indian Iron	28/4
Mysore Sugar	30/12
Port Canning	68
Premier Construction	60
Rohtas Industries	24/8
Scindia Steam	18/2
Shivrajpur	35/8
Tata Oil	37
Tata Steel Ordy.	247/8
Tata Steel Defd.	1135

JUTES.

Birla Jute	16/8
Howrah	55
Hukumchand	6/10
Kamarhatty	495
Kankanarrah	375
Lawrence	341/8
Reliance	62

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES.

Br A/May N. Y. May Rs. 42 1/2, Liverpool May Rs. 55 1/2.
Br. J/Aug. N. Y. July Rs. 37 1/2, Liverpool July Rs. 51.
New York Liverpool May 118, July 101, October 116, December 111, January 114.

NARROW TRADING IN LOCAL YARN MARKET

Bombay, March 22.

All markets during the week under review have been dominated by the political developments in Central Europe and as a result a sort of nervousness has prevailed in almost all of them. So far as the yarn market is concerned although prices have not fluctuated very heavily trading has continued to be very narrow and dealers have been passing through rather anxious times at present. Cotton prices have also been fluctuating violently without any definite tendency at the close. There have been equally violent fluctuations on the Stock Exchange and also in other Exchanges all over the country and in the absence of any definite outlook regarding the political developments uncertainty has prevailed almost everywhere. It is therefore not at all surprising that in the midst of such circumstances turnover during the week has been considerably restricted and dealers and consumers have been complaining about the absence of satisfactory demand in the local market as well as from the consuming districts. On the other hand stocks of yarns have been steadily accumulating and some of the mills especially in upcountry have been showing anxiety to sell their stocks of yarns at prices lower than before. As regards export markets enquiries are practically at a standstill and no buying of importance has been in evidence for any of the important overseas markets during the week. Even in the cloth markets situation is not at all satisfactory and a further decline in prices seems to be inevitable. On the whole the future tendency continues to remain uncertain.

ENGLISH YARNS.

Dealers and consumers have been eagerly awaiting the detailed publication of the Indo-British Trade Agreement and its effect on the yarn and cloth trade in Indian markets.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS

Prices have remained almost unchanged during the week with an uncertain tendency at the close. Arrivals during the week have been very limited but stocks are heavy and further large arrivals are expected in the next few days. As regards Mercerised yarns speculative enquiries have further increased during the week probably due to political situation in Europe and prices have indicated a tendency to show some improvement in the near future. There has also been some improvement in demand in spot prices of Mercerised yarns from various consuming districts probably due to their very low and attractive levels. As regards forward business owing to very high prices quoted by Japanese and Shanghai spinners no business of importance has been possible during the week. Exchange has remained steady whereas Sampin have been fluctuating heavily in sympathy with fluctuations in cotton.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS.

There has been no change in the official prices of the Italian Syndicate during the week. Enquiries from almost all consuming districts have been very limited probably due to sufficient stocks at the moment. Arrivals of Italian yarns are rather heavy and only a part of the same has been going into consumption at present. There has been considerable fall in enquiries from mills owing to large stocks and limited demand for cloth. As regards Japanese yarns prices in spot have been showing a tendency to decline further. In case of forward business owing to comparatively higher prices quoted by Japanese Spinners no business of importance has been possible during the week. The future tendency remains yet uncertain.

INDIAN YARNS.

Turnover on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., has been rather restricted probably due to the uncertain political situation in Central Europe. Business continues to remain very limited even in 10 1/2s. and 20 1/2s. Sales by the local mills have been yet small on account of disparity in prices. The future tendency remains uncertain.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 24

Jutes ruled quiet with limited business. In coals only few isolated deals took place at more or less lower levels. Slight enquiry was noticed in Teas section to-day. In miscellaneous, speculative issues ruled quiet but steady. Other industrials displayed no special importance. Government securities ruled quiet but steady.

The closing rates are:—

Securities: Three per cent G P 86/2 small odd lot; three per cent 1951/54 100/2, three per cent new loan 1963/65 97/1 small lot; three and half per cent G P 95/5; three and half per cent loan 1947/50 104/6 small lot ct; four per cent loan 1960/70 110; five per cent loan 1945/55 113/15; five per cent U P Bonds 1944 111/4.

Reserve Bank 111/8.

Railways: Baraset Basirhat 43; Howrah Amta 110 odd lot; Howrah Sheakhala 74 small odd lot.

Cottons: Dunbar pref 171; Kesoram 6.

Coals: Buland Bararee 6/4; Bokaro and Ramgur 14/4 c div; Churulia 1/8; Equitable 33 ct; Hurriladih 11/12; Jainty Central 1/9; North Damuda 4/4; Raneegunge 29; Sendra 7/12; South Karanpura 4 ct.

Jutes: Agarpara pref 129; Anglo India pref 149; Barnagore 150/8; Belvedere 346; Clive 26/2; Howrah 55/5; Kinnison 524; Presidency 3/9; Soorah 9/8; Standard 260.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn 5/12; Consolidated Tin 5/14; Indian Copper 2/1; Frank Ross 3/10; Bengal Telephone ord 17/6; Ditto pref 14; Benares Elec 13/8; Arthur Butler 7/10 c div ct; Indian Iron and Steel 28/4; Indian Steel and Wire Prodl ord 362; ditto defd 251/8; Steel Corpn ord 11/7; ditto pref 94/12, B I Corpn ord 2/13 c div; ditto pref 151 c div; Indian Rubber Manfg 21/8; Indian Wood Products 22; National Safe Deposit and Cold Storage 3 disc; British Burma Petrol 3/6; Titaghur Paper 'B' ordy 13; Humayan Property defd 1/4; Midnapore Zemindary 72; Balrampore 8 ct; Buland 11/2; Cawnpore pref 160 c div.

Tea: East India 6/8; Patrakola pref 134; Pussimbing pref 100 c div; Teloijan 3/14 ct; Tengpani 13/14 c div; Tukvar 9/12; six per cent 1911-28-48; Howrah Amta Railway debs 111/8 small lot; seven per cent 1936/51; Mahaswastika Sugar debs 99/8.—A. P.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED

Bombay, March 24

T Morrison ss Bahadur of 5397 reg tons Captain H H Gibson arrived from Batavia via Sabang, Galles, Colombo, Persian Gulf Ports, Karachi, Navlakhi and Port Okha with general cargo.

Anchor Line ss Britannia of 5276 reg tons, Captain J Duncan arrived from Glasgow via Liverpool, Gibraltar, Marseilles, Port Said and Suez with passengers and general cargo.

SAILED

L Edwards ss Thalatta of 3492 reg tons, Captain E Wong sailed for Madras, Calcutta and Rangoon with same bottom cargo.

O S Kaisha ss Nissan Maru of 3887 reg tons, Captain S Nagahira sailed for Kobe via Penang and Singapore, with local and same bottom cargo.

B I S N ss Indora of 3963 reg tons, Captain T W Wordingham sailed for Quilon with local cargo.

Scindia Steam Nvg ss El Hind of 3225 reg tons, Captain L J Evans sailed for Rangoon via Colombo with passengers, local and same bottom cargo.

LOADING

The following vessels booked for loading on 24-3-39.

S S George M Livanos (L D) for Port Said for order.

S S Lichtenfels (L E) for Europe and American Ports.

S S City of Corinth (F F) for Cochin, Colombo, Madras, Rangoon, Calcutta and American Ports.

S S City of Canterbury (K N) for Karachi, Port Said, Port Sudan, Marseilles, Liverpool, Glasgow.

STEAMERS IN DOCKS

ALEXANDRA DOCK

Bombay, March 24

2 Thalatta 3492 Madras 25-3 L Edwards
4 Meerkerk 5050 Australian Ports 25-3 L Edwards
5 Gabbiano 3951 Port Said 26-3 L Dreyfus.
8 Goffredo Mameli 2503 Port Said N F Ralli Bros.
13 Takliwa 3742 Durban 29-3 M M
14 Reichenfels 4760 Antwerp 25-3 L Edwards
17 Nissan Maru 3886 Kobe 24-3 O S K Kaisha

VICTORIA DOCK

4 Vita 1955 Karachi 25-3 M M
8 Mount Parnes 2759 Rangoon 24-3 Scindia S N
16 Shrivati 250 N F N F Malabar Steamship.

PRINCE'S DOCK

B Victoria Marie 882 Karachi 24-3 Merchant S N
F Islami 3617 N F 31-3 T Morrison
K Sonavati 968 N F N F B S N
N/O Indora 3963 Quilon 24-3 M M
P El Hind 3224 Rangoon 25-3 Scindia S N
G Janaki 530 N F N F Malabar Steamship.

Steamers Expected

FROM LONDON

Comorin 6-4-39 P and O S N
Cathay 20-4-39 P and O S N
Bangalore 25-3-39 P and O S N
Carthage 30-3-39 P and O
Viceroy of India 30-3-39 P and O S N
Strathaird 13-4-39 P and O S N

FROM HULL

Kioto 25-3-39 J Finlay

FROM LIVERPOOL

Britannia 24-3-39 Anchor Line
City of Canterbury 25-3-39 K Nixon

FROM HAMBURG

Kandelfels 29-3-39 L Edwards
Almkerk 20-4-39 L Edwards

FROM GOTHENBURG

Thalata 22-3-39 L Edwards

FROM NEW YORK

Steel Trader 29-3-39 M M
City of Raiville 11-4-39 L Edwards
City of Corinth 27-3-39 F F Campbell
Pres. Garfield 6-4-39 F F Campbell

FROM TRIESTE

Conte Rosso 24-4-39 L Triestino

FROM CHINA AND JAPAN

Kinugawa Maru 31-3-39 M B Kaisha
Nagpore 28-3-39 P and O S N
Melbourne Maru 3-4-39 O S Kaisha
Anyo Maru 24-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Victoria 5-4-39 L Triestino
Nagato Maru 14-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Ginyo Maru 27-3-39 N Y Kaisha
Mansei Maru 27-3-39 O S Kaisha
Conte Verde 20-4-39 L Triestino

FROM BASRA

Bankura 30-3-39 M M
Vasna 25-3-39 M M

FROM JEDDAH

Rizwani 28-3-39 T Morrison

FROM SYDNEY

Maloja 25-3-39 P and O S N

FROM DURBAN

Karanja 1-4-39 M M
Tairea 15-4-39 M M

FROM RANGOON

Jalavihar 24-3-39 Scindia S N

FROM CALCUTTA

Jalamohan 24-3-39 Scindia S N
Orna 25-3-39 M M

FROM KARACHI

Vita 25-3-39 M M
Castalia 28-3-39 Anchor Line
Zinzan Maru 27-3-39 N Y Kaisha

Sailing Dates

FOR LONDON

Viceroy of India 1-4-39 P and O S N
Mooltan 22-4-39 P and O S N
Strathaird 15-4-39 P and O S N
Maloja 25-3-39 P and O S N
Stratheden 29-4-39 P and O S N

FOR LIVERPOOL

Britannia 7-4-39 Anchor Line
City of Simla 5-4-39 K Nixon
City of Canterbury 17-4-39 K Nixon
Castalia 28-3-39 Anchor Line

FOR NEW YORK

Pres Garfield 8-4-39 F F Campbell
City of Corinth 29-3-39 F F Campbell

FOR TRIESTE

Conte Verde 20-4-39 L Triestino

FOR GENOA

Victoria 8-5-39 L Triestino

FOR CHINA AND JAPAN

Melbourne Maru 12-4-39 O S Kaisha
Bangalore 29-3-39 P and O S N
Conte Biancamano 10-4-39 L Triestino
Genyo Maru 15-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Carthage 30-3-39 P and O S N
Zinzan Maru 2-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Melbourne Maru 12-4-39 O S Kaisha
Nagpore 13-4-39 P and O S N
Conte Rosso 24-4-39 L Triestino

FOR GERMANY

Reichenfels 1-4-39 L Edwards

FOR SYDNEY

Narkunda 23-3-39 P and O S N

FOR BASRA

Bandra 29-3-39 M M
Vasna 30-3-39 M M

FOR DURBAN

Takliwa 29-3-39 M M
Karanja 12-4-39 M M

FOR CALCUTT.

Orna 3-4-39 M M

FOR BASSEIN

Jalavihar 27-3-39 Scindia S N

FOR KARACHI

Ginyo Maru 30-3-39 N Y Kaisha
Vita 1-4-39 M M

B P. T. GENERAL LANDING DATES

S S Takliwa 22-3-39
S S Indora 23-3-39
S S Victoria Marie 23-3-39
S S Bhadravati 23-3-39
S S Irrawadi 24-3-39

EXPORTS

S S Britannia for Liverpool: 2040 bags gr nut oil cake exp P Surchand; 8400 bags gr nut oil cake exp F H Kassam; 745 bags linseed oil cake exp The Cotton Agents; 2666 bags gr nut oil cake exp The Cotton Agents; 3840 bags gr nut oil cake exp K Devchand; 134 bags gr nut kernal K M Nathoo; 75 drums castor oil The Swastik Oil Mills.

For Glasgow: 680 bags gr nut oil cake exp P Surchand; 300 bags gr nut oil cake meal P Surchand; 3501 bags linseed K Devchand; 165 drums gr nut oil A Oomerbhoy; 50 drums castor oil The Swastik Oil Mills; 182 drums gr nut oil The Swastik Oil Mills.

S S Maloja for London: 38 cases bristles Cox and Kings (Agents); 106 bales lamb skins with fur Grindlay; 12 cases bristles D Abraham; 100 cases bristles B Phillips and Hayley;

For Malta: 12 bales ctn yarn A Virji.

S S City of Cornith for Montreal: 1050 bags gr nut kernal K M Nathoo; 3506 bags gr nut kernal S M Rajgor; 150 pkts gr nut seed R Ratilal.

For Wellington: 6154 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas.

IMPORTS

S S Harmattan Agents T Morrison from Tegal: 19493 bags sugar.

From Semarang: 3335 bags sugar.

M V Hopecrest Agents Volkart Bros from Tacoma W N: 2276 pcs Douglas fir lumber.

From Tegal: 11574 bags superior head sugar; 14028 bags sugar; 3012 bags white Java sugar.

From Sourabaya: 3511 bags sugar; 9039 bags white Java sugar; 100 drums arrack; 69 pkgs brass waste.

From Colombo: 1825 bags copra;

From Vancouver: 120 cases salmon talls.

From San Francisco: 48 cases cud fruit; 266 drums liquid asphalt.

From Portland: 462 pcs oregon pine planks.

From Batavia: 265 bags rolled sulphur.

From Pecalongan: 4016 bags sugar.

From Semarang: 5022 bags white Java sugar; 2570 bags sugar.

AIR SERVICES

The following air mail time table is in force in Bombay:

London—Bombay (Juhu)

Planes call at Karachi, Bhuj and Ahmedabad.

Arrivals at Juhu, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.

Delivery: Monday (two deliveries) 8 a.m. and 3-30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3-30 p.m.

Bombay (Juhu)—London

Planes call at Ahmedabad, Bhuj and Karachi.

Latest hours of posting at the G.P.O.:—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 7-30 a.m. Departures from Juhu 10-15 a.m.

Bombay (Juhu)—Colombo

Planes call at Hyderabad, Madras and Trichinopoly.

Latest hours of posting at the G.P.O.:—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11-30 a.m. Departure from Juhu 1-30 p.m.

Colombo—Bombay (Juhu)

Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9-45 a.m. Delivery: Sunday 12-30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1 p.m.

Bombay (via Calcutta)—Singapore and Australia

Latest hour of posting:—Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

Australia—Bombay (via Calcutta)

Delivery: Tuesday, Wesdnesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m

Bombay (via Calcutta)—Hongkong China and Japan

Latest hour of posting: Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

Hongkong—Bombay (via Calcutta)

Delivery: Tuesday and Saturday 1 p.m.

Bombay (Juhu)—Delhi

Planes call at Indore, Bhopal and Gwalior.

Departures from Juhu: Monday and Thursday, 6-30 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday and Tuesday 1-55 p.m.

Bombay—Kathiawar

Planes call at Bhavnagar, Rajkot Jamnagar and Porebunder.

Departure from Juhu:—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7-45 a.m.

Arrivals:—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6-15 p.m.

Bombay—Trivandrum—Trichinopoly

Planes call at Goa, Cannanore and Trivandrum.

Departures from Juhu: Monday 8 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu: Wesdnesday, 3-15 p.m.

Bombay—Poona—Kolhapur

Departures from Juhu: Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 7-30 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu:—Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon.

Departures from Juhu: Monday a Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon.

LONDON RUBBER

London, March 23.

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. sellers 8 1/16

Absence Of Selling Pressure On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

FOREIGN POLITICAL OUTLOOK BETTER

BOMBAY, March 24.

With slight improvement in the European political situation, American market ruled fairly steady on Thursday with cotton prices gaining 5 points and Stock Exchange recorded a rise over one dollar in popular counters.

The markets are likely to be hesitant awaiting Mussolini's speech next Sunday.

Slightly more cheerful European news encouraged the New York cotton market on Thursday where pressure was small with business dull, pending Washington developments.

The market opened quiet despite easiness of Liverpool there was trade price fixing and local buying in sympathy with stocks. Liverpool sold on narrower differences. Finally short covering met hedging and the session closed steady.

NEW YORK MARKET

At the opening July was quoted one point up at 7.97 and under scattered selling prices declined to 7.94 which was the lowest level. Later on there was improved buying and July advanced to 8.02 which was the highest level the market closed at a net rise of 3 to 1 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 2 points at 8.94 C. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also fairly steady and closed at a rise of 1 to 5 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 6 points at 8.66 C per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton features market opened at a rise of one point with July 4.63. There was continental buying of nears and hedging of distants against Brazilians in a sensitive market, pending Washington and European developments. Later prices declined on Bombay selling. American straddle buying met local speculative selling. The market closed at a net decline of 3 points to unchanged. Middling American spot cotton prices closed unchanged at 5.16 d per lb

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton futures market was quiet and Giza futures closed 1 to 3 points down but Uppers were unchanged. The Alexandria market was irregular with sakels gaining 2 to 7 points but Ashmouni futures closed 2 to 6 points down.

SPOTS TIGHT.

The small but persistent advances to new high levels for the current movement have reflected the continuing tightness of spots, the sudden sharp improvement in textile sales, and Washington's "appeasement" overtures towards business. The arrival of the first March notice-day emphasised the scarcity of cotton available to settle contracts. All the 14,000 bales tendered so far have been promptly taken by a leading spot house long, causing March to advance to its best level since early August. Although at first outright liquidation from a leading long developed to-day, there are no present indications that near months are expected to lose their prevailing premiums, especially until loan cotton is released or until the artificial scarcity is otherwise relieved.

The Senate Agricultural Committee hearings on the Smith Bill revealed that most trade organisations favour the measure, although differing as to the date for the release of the loan stocks. Spot cotton and co-operative interests believe it is feasible to market 1,000,000 bales judiciously without depressing prices, but textile associations desire the terms of the present Bill to remain unchanged, thus delaying releases for another year.

STRONG OPPOSITION

Considerable opposition is developing to the Bankhead amendment to the Smith Bill, providing for the release of loan cotton on a 3-cent basis to growers reducing their acreage by 20 to 75 per cent below the allotted quotas. Western grain interests fear that cotton acreage abandonment would promote the growth of competitive crops in the South.

The Manchester spinners' request to the Secretary of Agriculture to release loan cotton because of the scarcity of some grades of American there has surprised the local trade inasmuch as the prevailing New York-Liverpool differences are not indicative of exceptional tightness abroad; there is no disposition to forecast Mr. Wallace's reaction.

The improved domestic textile sales in the past four days, equalling two weeks' production, have cheered manufacturers, inducing renewed spot purchases. The lowest textile prices for six years, however, which are determining mills to curtail output drastically, and the large Government relief purchases are factors which are attracting buyers of cotton goods.

The Commodity Credit Corporation this week begins the sale at Dallas of 150,000 bales of cotton illegally entered into the loan as a result of incompetent classing. The total of such cotton in the loan throughout the belt is estimated at upwards of 300,000 bales, and it will be marketed gradually.—"M.G."

PRIVATE CABLES

N. Y. July Highest (2-45 p.m.)	8.02+06
N. Y. July Lowest (10-25 a.m.)	7.94—02
Liverpool July Highest	4.65+.03
Liverpool July Lowest	4.58—.04

Messrs. Bishwambharlal Maheshwari have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

New York:—

Mills are curtailing operations Government policies indicate delay expect a narrow market with an irregularly lower tendency.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

New York.—Spot and commission house buying near months, offsetting local and foreign selling.

Messrs. Patel Brothers have received the following cable:—

One of their Liverpool friends cabled: Strong opposition export subsidy. Final legislation still unpredictable, delay probable. Recommend buy May July Liverpool May New York, sell July New York January Liverpool. Moderately bearish ahead.

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee have received the following telegrams from New York and Liverpool:—

Liverpool:—

(1) "Nears likely weaken here. My partners bearish nears N. York, Liverpool expecting export subsidy will probably narrow further against New York, war unlikely."

New York:—

(1) "Our Government cotton plan awaited. Suggest taking advantage of moderate rallies liquidate.

(2) "Domestic mills transferring on all purchases to distant months causing widening differences."

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, March 23.

May	8.19+02
July	7.99+03
October	7.60+01
December	7.55+01
January	7.54+01
March	7.57+01
Middling spot	8.94+02

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, March 23.

May	8.31+05
July	8.10+04
October	7.71+01
Middling spot	8.66+06

NEW YORK
New York, March 23.
11 a.m. Ranges.

May	8.16/8.16
July	7.96/7.96
October	7.58/7.58
Noon Call.	
May	8.17
July	7.95
October	7.59

LONDON PRODUCE
London, March 23.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe Mar-Apr. sellers	20/3
Wheat Barletta Russo	un quoted
Wheat South Australian Afloat sellers	22

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
New York, March 23.

	Bales.
Day's receipts at all U.S. Ports	1,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	1,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	5,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON
Liverpool, March 23

March	4.84
April	4.81
May	4.79
June	4.69—.01
July	4.60—02
August	4.55—02
September	4.51—02
October	4.48—02
November	4.45—03
December	4.45—03
January	4.46—02
February	4.47—02
March	4.49—02
Middling spot	5.16

10-12 a.m. quotations.—

May	4.83
July	4.64

Egyptian Cotton

Liverpool, March 23.

GIZA 2.—	
Spot	6.85+2.
March	6.71—3.
May	6.75—2.
July	6.80—1.
October	6.85—1.
November	6.85—1.
January	6.86—1.
UPPERS—	
Spot	5.87—2.
March	5.74—0.
May	5.76—0.
July	5.80—0.
October	5.71—0.
November	5.73—0.
January	5.75—0.

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, March 23.

SAKELS—	
March	11.87+2.
July	11.93+7.
November	12.08
ASHMOUNI—	
April	9.68—6.
June	9.76—2.
August	9.75—0.
October	9.67—3.
December	9.68—3.
GIZA—	
May	11.69—2.
July	11.78—1.
November	11.88—2.
January	11.94—2.

NEW YORK COFFEE
New York, March 23.
Fair rio coffee No. 7 quality 5 1/8

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 24.

Following a rise of 3 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened steady at Rs. 153 for Broach J/A. delivery and A/M. was quoted at Rs. 152/8. There was utter absence of any buying and later on prices declined to Rs. 151/8 for Broach A/M. delivery. It was reported that the increase in freight and insurance war risks clearly indicate that European political situation is full of anxiety and there was no disposition to buy. The undertone of the market was quiet.

Liverpool market opened at a rise of one point and later on was one point down. The local market was steady with Broach A/M delivery quoted at Rs. 152/2. The market finally closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F. G. M. G.—			
Broach A/M	151	14	0
Broach J/A	151	14	0
Fine M. G.—			
Oomra March	140	12	0
Oomra May	140	4	0
Oomra July	140	12	0
F. G. M. G.—			
Bengal March	115	4	0
Bengal May	114	12	0
Bengal July	115	4	0

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, March 24

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G—					
Bengal U P		123	120	117	114
Punjab		123	120	117	114
Rajputana		125	122	119	116
Oomra No. 3	148	145	142	139	
C P No. 1	163	160	157	154	
C P No. 2	154	151	148	145	
Broach No. 2		157	155	153	151
Surat		202	200	198	196
Rajpipla		198	196	194	192
Navsari		210	208	206	204

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, March 24.

Bengal Superfine	12/23
Bengal Fine	118/19
Bengal F.G.	116/17
C. P. 1	155/58
C. P. 2	147/48
Arvi	146/47
Amraoti	138/42
Ellichpur	145/46
Berar	138/42
Malkapur	137/38
Khandesh	120/30
Jalna/Sailu	134/36
Burwah/Sanavad	140/42
Khandwa	140/42
Mathia F.G.	110/15
Broach	155/60
Punjab 4 F.	175/80
Punjab 289F.	207/12
Sindh N. T.	187/89
Ankleshwar/Jagadia	194/97
Surat	200/02
Navsari	207/08
Western Farm	167/72

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, March 24

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY
Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh		35,624	46,033
Central India	1,568	198,972	35,921
Barsi and Nagar	132	59,273	122,993
Hyderabad Gaorani		4,183	35,774
Berar	1,319	144,686	262,042
Central Provinces		32,110	58,157
Total Oomras	3,019	474,848	560,920
Dholera	559	134,366	46,482
N W Provinces		2,155	2,510
Rajputana	780	50,239	11,524
Sind Punjab	627	279,815	443,237
Broach	6,242	228,747	57,148
Coompta and Dharwar	563	16,925	10,901
Westerns Northerns	179	22,091	8,565
Cocoanada		84	12
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		2,544	1,407
American		2,578	149,076
Egyptian African and Sudan	10,655	202,650	247,182
Comilla, Burma and other sorts	7		1,170
Total	22,624	1,417,049	1,540,134
Arrived by road to 16th March 1939		275,538	
		1st Sept to 16th Mar	

Exports From Bombay

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Europe		3,158	170,546
Japan and China		4,046	609,954
Coast Ports		50	20,660
Up-country by Rail			156,201
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan		6,107	10,174
Total		7,254	973,468

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1938-39	1937-38
Receipts to date 23-3-39	3506000	7246000
Receipts yesterday 23-3-39	1000	3000
Exports to date 23-3-39	2881000	4813000
Stock at Ports 17-3-39	2420000	3084000
Stock at Interior Towns 17-3-39	3009000	2458000
Stock at Liverpool 17-3-39	955000	1214000
Visible Supply 17-3-39	6472000	7348000
Quantity in sight 17-3-39	8187000	12370000
Quantity out of sight 17-3-39	7350000	7912000

High & Low Cotton Prices

Broach A/M. op. 152 3/4; highest 153 1/4; lowest 152 3/4; closing at 5 p.m. 152 1/2.

Broach J/A. op. 152 3/4; highest 153 1/2; lowest 152 5/8; closing at 5 p.m. 152 5/8

Oomra March op 140 1/4; highest 140 3/4; lowest 140 1/8; closing at 5 p.m. 140 1/8

Oomra May op 140 1/4; highest 141 1/4; lowest 140 1/4; closing at 5 p.m. 140 1/2

Oomra July op 140 3/4; highest 141 3/4 lowest 140 3/4 closing at 5 p.m. 141

Bengal March op 115 1/2; highest 116; lowest 115 1/4; closing at 5 p.m. 115 1/4

Bengal May op 115 1/2; highest 116; lowest 115 1/4; closing at 5 p.m. 116 1/4

Bengal July op 116 1/4; highest 117 1/4; lowest 116; closing at 5 p.m. 116.

Night session: Broach A/M. opened Rs. 152 1/4. Highest Rs. 152 5/8, Lowest Rs. 152, Closed Rs. 152 3/8, Broach J/A closed Rs. 152 5/8.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, March 24.

The local bullion market in the absence of any important development in foreign markets is keeping quiet and prices are fluctuating within a narrow range. Yesterday London gold prices remained unchanged at £7-8-5, London Paris Exchange rate was 2 points down at 176.82. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.68 3/8. London silver prices advanced 1/16d. to 20d. for spot but forward quotation declined 1/16d. to 19 5/8d. India bought and speculators sold. The market was quiet but steady. New York spot silver prices were unchanged at 42 3/4 cents and Shanghai T T. on London was quoted 0/8. London Bombay spot parity was Rs. 52-11-3 and forward was Rs. 51-13-9. It is reported that this week's shipments of silver to Bombay amounted to £30,000. In the local market business of quiet and prices again fluctuated within a narrow range.

GOLD

Ready	36	15	9
Chaitra delivery	37	0	3
Chaitra Tejimandi	0	1	6
Vaishakh delivery	37	0	9
Vaishakh Tejimandi	0	3	6

SILVER

Ready	52	9	0
Chaitra delivery	52	7	6
Chaitra Tejimandi	0	6	0
Vaishakh delivery	52	6	6
Vaishakh Tejimandi	0	12	0

LONDON SILVER
London, March 23.

Spot	20
Forward	19 5/8

LONDON GOLD
London, March 23.

Gold bars fine per oz	£7-8-5

LONDON METALS

London, March 23.

Copper	£43	6	3
Lead	£14	18	9
Spelter	£14	0	0
Tin	£214	15	0

Bombay Metals

Bombay, March 24.

London Market—	
Standard copper cash (buyers)	£43-2-6
Standard copper 3 months	£43-7-6
Electrolytic copper	£49-5-0
Bombay Market.—	
Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 40-0-0
Copper sheets	Rs. 48-6-0

Tone:—Very steady.

Groundnuts Coromandel Shelled

London, March 23

April	£10-2-6
May	£10-5-0

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, March 24.

Castorseeds May—			
Opening	25	13	0
Highest	25	13	0
Lowest	25	11	0
Closing	25	12	6
Groundnuts May—			
Opening	27	5	0
Highest	27	6	6
Lowest	27	4	0
Closing	27	5	0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening	23	10	0
Highest	23	14	0
Lowest	23	8	6
Closing	23	12	9

Wheat Liverpool

Liverpool, March 23

March	51 1/2d.
May	52 5/8d.
March	49 3/4d. New
May	50 7/8d. New
July	52 5/8d. New

Wheat Chicago

Chicago, March 23

May	dol 0.67 5/8
July	dol 0.67 3/4
September	dol 0.68 5/8

LONDON SUGAR

London, March 23.

May	6s. 4 3/4d.

New York Sugar

New York, March 23

July	1.98
September	2.01
November	2.04
January	1.97

East India Cotton Association Protests Against Trade Agreement

The following telegram has been sent to-day, by Mr. Haridas Madhavdas, Vice-President, East India Cotton Association Ltd., Bombay to the Government of India, Commerce Department, New Delhi, in connection with the proposed Trade Agreement between India and United Kingdom:—

"Board East India Cotton Association regret that proposed trade agreement with United Kingdom marks substantial departure from majority non-official advisors' recommendations in connection with major questions involved. Board particularly desire to draw attention to fact that provisions for raw cotton offtake involve no liability on U. K. and quantities stipulated in treaty and low and indicate unnecessary solicitude for Lancashire and will afford no relief to Indian cotton grower. Absence of stipulation regarding variety of cotton to be taken by U. K. so strongly emphasised by non-official advisors is significant and this omission in treaty heavily discounts alleged advantage to Indian cotton grower. Hopes expressed in sub-section 2 of Article 10 can be regarded as merely pious and the last sentence of that Sub-section which commits Government of India to a recognition appears to be definitely objectionable. Board wish to enquire of Government what special action they consider feasible in the direction of improving quality and staple of Indian cotton during next three years. They regret that any such recognition is at all included in treaty. Board have definitely come to conclusion that this agreement will not help Indian cotton grower to replace existing customer abroad of short and fair staple cotton. Board think it their duty to mention their anxiety regarding reaction of reduction in import duties to the best and surest customer of Indian cotton grower, namely indigenous mills. They emphatically are of opinion that concessions to U. K. regarding piecegoods are extreme and constitute one more effort on the part of Lancashire to weaken Indian textile industry. Considering proposed concessions to Lancashire textiles with addition of proposed increase of import duty on foreign cotton indicated in budget without countervailing duties on foreign textiles leads board to only one conclusion that only a non-national government of a ruling race can think of perpetrating such injury to the most important and oldest major industry of India."

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, March 24.

3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	95/3
2 3/4 per cent 1948/62 Loan	98/12
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	100/12
3 per cent 1941 Bonds	101/14
3 per cent 1963/65	97/8
3 1/2 per cent 1947/55	104/9
4 per cent 1940/43 Bonds	107/12
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	110/2
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan	116/8
5 per cent U P Bonds	98
5 per cent 1939/44 Loan	101/2
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan	104/8
TAX FREES	
5 per cent 1945/55	114/0
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	111/12
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	124
CORPORATION DEBENTURES	
4 per cent 1972 B P T	109/8
4 per cent 1974 M Deb	108/8
5 per cent 1954 M Deb.	117/8
6 per cent M Deb 1954	129
6 per cent K P T 1956	129

The market was steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 24.

B C RATES—
T T D D 1/5 7/8
LONDON—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 15/16
Bank's buying T T 1/5 31/32
Bank's buying D D 1/6
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/16 to 30th June.
NEW YORK—
Bank's selling T T 286 5/8
Bank's buying T T 283 7/8
Bank's buying D D 288 1/8
PARIS—
Bank's selling T T 1,309
Bank's buying T T 1,326
JAPAN—
Bank's selling T T 78 3/8
Bank's buying T T 77 1/2
Bank's buying 60 days 76 7/8
AMSTERDAM—
Bank's selling D D 65 3/8
JAVA—
Bank's selling D D 65 1/4
HONGKONG—
Bank's selling D D 84
SHANGHAI—
Bank's selling D D 47
SINGAPORE—
Bank's selling D D 156 1/2
BERLIN—
Bank's selling D D 86 1/4
CROSS RATE—
New York/London 4.68.43 23rd instant
Japan/London 1/2 1/64 24th instant.
Hongkong/London 1/2 7/8 24th instant
Shanghai/London 0/8 9/32 24th instant
Java/London 8.80 1/8 24th instant.
London/Paris 176.82 23rd instant
London/Belgium 27.34 1/2 23rd instant
London/Switzerland 20.81 1/4 23rd instant.
London/Berlin 11.69 1/2 23rd instant.
London/Stockholm 19.42 3/8 23rd instant.
London/New York 4.68.40 23rd instant
London/Amsterdam 8.82 3/8 23rd instant.
London/Italy 89.05 23rd instant.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet.
Gold £7-8-5 22nd instant.
Gold £7-8-5 23rd instant.
Silver London Ready 19 15/16 22nd instant.
Silver London Ready 20 23rd instant.
Silver London Forward 19 11/16 22nd instant.
Silver London Forward 19 5/8 23rd instant.
Silver New York Ready 43 22nd instant.
Silver New York Ready 43 23rd instant.
London Discounts 3 months 5/8 per cent 22nd instant
London Discounts 3 months 5/8 per cent 23rd instant.
London Discounts 6 months 7/8 per cent 22nd instant
London Discounts 6 months 1 per cent 23rd instant.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—
Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 months 1 3/4 per cent.
6 months 1 1/2 per cent.
Tone: Steady.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, March 23.

Call Loan London	1/2
3 per cent	70
3 1/2 per cent	82 1/2
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	98 1/4
4 per cent 1948/53	103 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	107 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	110 3/4
5 per cent 1942/47	107
3 per cent 1949/52	94 3/4
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	68
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	96 1/2
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	107 3/4
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	41/3

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, March 24

	To-day	Total
Bengal	—	200
Oomra	100	900

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, March 23.

T. T. London on:—	
New York	4.68.40
Paris	176.82
Berlin	11.69 1/2
Madrid	nominal 100.00
Montreal	4.70 5/16
Amsterdam	8.82 7/16
Brussels	27.84 1/2
Milan	89.05
Berne	21.81 1/4

Active Selling In Steels On Strong Opening

DISTURBING EUROPEAN POLITICAL NEWS

Cotton Mill Shares Quietly Steady

BOMBAY, March 24.

The action of the Local Share Bazar clearly indicates that the outlook is not encouraging and European political developments will have impressive effect on share values.

The attitude of Italian Government is obscure and Mussolini is to make important speech on Sunday.

In the meantime we had depressing news of increase in freight and war risk insurance rates. The local market which ignored yesterday the sharp decline in Wall-Street was unable to hold up to-day despite a rise of dol. 1 3/4 in U. S. Steel Shares to 55 3/4.

Wall-Street market yesterday believed that the European political situation was improving and there was some support but in the absence of definite news there was no inclination for a fresh enterprise.

The local market opened firm but there being absence of follow-up on the buying side, prices declined few points and the market steadied at the end of the first hour.

Later on there was increased selling pressure. As usual selling was accompanied by usual disquieting rumours of labour troubles at Jamshedpur and disturbing European cables regarding increase in war risk rates:—Naturally buyers being timid, prices declined and there was general damping feeling.

The local market which is narrow, at times makes sharp moves but the technical situation seems against any sustained improvement. It is true that the Year-end accounts of Tata Steel Co., will show satisfactory profits and it is said that there is excellent demand for some discriptions of steel goods. But a comparative steady will show that dividends particularly on steel shares in the past two years have had no bearing on price levels of shares. Further when American steel share prices read with ours; local prices will be found high enough.

Thus the market at the moment is a perplexing problem and does not justify larger risks on either side.

Tata Steel Dfd.-Shares opened at Rs. 1170/- and declined to Rs. 1135/- and Ordinary Shares declined to Rs. 248/- Bombay Dyeing share are quiet at Rs. 832/-.

TEXTILE SHARES

BOMBAY: March 24.

100	Ahmd. Advance	380	0
100	BOMBAY DYEING	833	12
100	CENTURY	224	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	215	0
100	COLABA	109	0
100	Coorla	95	0
250	David	75	0
250	Dawn	310	0
1	E. D. Sassoon	0-3-6	
100	Finlay	94	8
100	GOKAK	130	0
1.000	Hindustan	1.705	0
100	Indore	46	8
100	Khatau	98	0
100	KOHINOOR	XD 223	0
250	Laxmi	480	0
250	Madras United	35	0
100	Morarji	115	0
250	Model	51	8
50	MYSORE	85	0
200	NEW GREAT	XD 201	0
100	Oosmanshahi	40	0
100	PHOENIX	225	0
25	Sassoon Silk	67	8
1,000	Sholapur	3,200	0
50	SIMPLEX	68	8
100	SWADESHI	211	8
100	Swan	94	0
500	Vishnu	1.115	0
1.000	Westerns	860	0
	BANKS		
50-100	Baroda	110	8
25-50	Central	31	2
500	Imperial	1517	8
125-500	Imp. Conty.	367	8
50-100	India	134	8
100	Reserve Bank	112	4
5	Union	5-13-0	
	CEMENTS		
100	Associated	113	4
	INSURANCE		
100	Empire	685	0
15-100	Jupiter	12	6
20	Mercantile	53	0
15-75	New India	34	12
200	Oriental	4,255	0
10-50	Vulcan	7-3-6	
	ELECTRIC		
100	Ah. Old	140	0
1,000	ANDHRA	1,405	0
10	Ajmer	12	0
50	Bombay Tram	126	8
100	Bombay Suburban	142	8
10	Broach	9	12
100	Karachi	190	0
100	Poona	172	8
100	Surat	158	2
100	TATA HYDRO	146	8
1,000	TATA POWERS	1,252	8
	RAILWAYS		
500	Ahmedabad Prantij	345	0
100	C. Province	101	0
100	Dh. Baramati	101	8
100	Gujarat	96	8
100	Mandra Bhon	101	0
100	Pachora Jamner	95	0
100	Sara Serajganj	100	8
500	Tapti Valley	XD 741	0
	MININGS		
9	Burma Corp. XD	5	11
2sh.	Indian Copper	2-0-6	
10	Indian Iron and Steel	28	2
10	Shivrajpur	35	8
30	TATA STEEL DEFDS.	1,135	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	247	8
	MISCELLANEOUS		
100	Alcock	227	0

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, March 24.

Bombay Dyeing (832) 836 837 831 832 833
Century (221/8) 223 221 223 224
Central India (214) 215 212 215
Kohinoor (223) 225 223 222 223
New Great (203) 204 201
Simplex (69) 69 68/8
Swadeshi (211/8) 213 212 211/8
Associated Cement (112/12) 113/8 113/4
Andhra (1385) 1405
Tram Ord. (126) 126/8
Tata Hydro (150) 147 146/8
Tata Power (1258/12) 1260 1255 1252
T. Steel Dfd. (1142/8) 1160 1172 1165 1170 1152 1157 1145 1132 1142 1135
T. Steel Ord. (250/8) 252 254 251 248 247/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (156/8) 156/12 156/4
Bellapur (173/8) 174 173
B. Steam (212) 212 211
B. Burma (431) 433 431 430

WALL STREET MARKET

New York, March 23.

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dol.
American Power and Light Common	5
American Power and Light 5 p.c. Pfd.	38
Electric Bond Common	9 5/8
Electric Bond 5 p.c. Pfd.	58
Columbia Gas and Electric	7
American Tel. and Tel.	155 1/2
Sun Life of Canada	420
Western Union Telg.	20 1/4
Union Pacific	96
New York Central	17
Texas Corporation	42 1/8
Amrex Corporation	23 1/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	79 1/2
Curtiss Wright	6
United States Steel	55 3/4
United States Steel Pref.	116
Bethlehem Steel	66
Republic Steel	19
United States Smelting	56
Anaconda Copper Mining	27 1/8
Int. Nickel of Canada	48 1/2
General Motors	46
General Electric	38
Consolidated Oil	8 1/8
Socony	12
Chase National Bank	31 1/4
National City Bank	24 3/4
Woolworth F.W.	47

Turnover 825,000 shares. Brokers loans down 71 million dollars. Carloadings up 2817 units. European crisis was responsible for considerable nervous liquidations past week. However wavering business appeasement programme and resultant depressing factor on sentiment continued to be the main influence domestic selling. Revival of confidence rests in the hands of Congress. Over nearterm prices will fluctuate with European news and Major interests currently centered Mussolini's speech Sunday.

LONDON SPELTER

London, March 23.

Spelter hard (Indian brand) F.O.B. ..... 11 1/2 to 12 1/2

10	Air Services	8	9
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	173	0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	795	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	211	0
125	B. BURMA	430	0
50	BOMBAY CONTY	146	4
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	3-6-6	
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	80	4
100	IND. BLEACHING	103	0
50	Ind. Invest. Trust	40	9
100	I. Radio Defd	390	0
100	I. Radio Ord.	380	0
100	Port Canning	68	0
30	Premier Con.	XD 60	4
15	Scindia	18	2
25	Tata Oil Mill (nil)	37	0
	PREFERENCE		
5-1/2	Amalgamated (T.F.)	106	0
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1,495	0
6	p. c. Bombay Steam	285	0
7	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.)	74	6
5	p. c. Central India (T. F.)	567	8
6-1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 1st	XD 104	4
6-1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	XD 96	4
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	147	8
7-1/2	p.c. Tata Power	1,555	0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	207	8
7-1/2	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	156	4
	p.c Vishnu	219	8
	DEBENTURES		
3-3/4	p. c. Andhra Valley	102	2
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	105	10
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	50	8
7	p.c. Sholapur	80	0
6	p. c. Tata Hydro (Capital Letters Indicate Change Ex Forward List).	105	8

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Mahatma Meets Azad, Nehru And Sardar

Talks About Impending A. I. C. C. Meeting: Will It Meet At Calcutta?

ALLAHABAD, March 24.

With the arrival of Mahatma Gandhi, accompanied by Sardar Patel and Mr Kripalani this morning, a miniature Congress Working Committee consisting of the above and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is being held here to-day.

Though the primary object of the leaders' visit to Allahabad is to see Maulana Azad who is confined to bed with injury to his left knee, yet the occasion will be utilised to discuss matters connected with nominations to the Congress Working Committee and a review of the political situation in the country.

On reaching Anand Bhuvan Mahatma Gandhi and other leaders went to Maulana Azad's room and there was a touching scene when Mahatma Gandhi for the first time since his Rajkot fast met Maulana Azad who injured his knee while 'en route' to Delhi to meet Mahatma Gandhi there.

Besides nominations to the Working Committee the leaders assembled here are expected to discuss the probable date and venue of the next A. I. C. C. meeting. It is understood that the third week of April is finding favour for holding the A. I. C. C. meeting.

As regards the venue, Bombay is the most likely place. But there is a move on foot to summon the A. I. C. C. meeting at Calcutta with a view to save the President, Mr. Bose, the trouble of taking another journey in his present state of health.

Allahabad too is being mentioned as a good place to hold the A. I. C. C. meeting and it is reliably understood that the Allahabad Congress Committee is going to extend an invitation to the A. I. C. C. to hold the next session here. Allahabad being a central place stands a fairly good chance though some apprehension is being expressed regarding the heat in Allahabad during the latter half of April.

The leaders remained in Maulana Azad's room for nearly two hours after which they left. After some rest they are expected to meet again and the conference is likely to continue until the time of Mahatma Gandhi's departure for Delhi at 5-57 p. m. to-day.—A. P.

Gandhiji In Allahabad

Will Return To Delhi After Consulting Azad

ALLAHABAD, March 24

Mr. Gandhi, accompanied by Sardar Valiabhbhai Patel and Acharya Kripalani, arrived here this morning from Delhi to meet Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who is confined to bed with an injury on his left leg.

Mr. Gandhi was met at the station by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the party drove to Anand Bhawan, where Maulana Azad is staying

Inspite of efforts to keep the news of Mr. Gandhi's arrival a secret, a large crowd was present at the station to receive him. Mr. Gandhi looked cheerful.

After holding consultations with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad during the day Mr. Gandhi will leave for Delhi in the evening.—A. P

GANDHIJI NOT GOING TO SEE SUBHAS

ALLAHABAD, March 24.

With reference to the report that has appeared in a certain section of the Press that Mahatma Gandhi will proceed to Bengal from Allahabad to meet Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, Congress President, enquiries made by the "United Press" reveal that there is no truth in it. Gandhiji is returning to New Delhi this evening.—United Press.

VASWANI AND OTHERS ARRESTED

Sequel To "Om Mandli" Satyagraha

KARACHI March 24.

Sadhu T. L. Vaswani, Prof. Jethmal Parsram, Dr. Chimandas and four others were arrested this morning in connection with the "Om Mandli" agitation.

As announced before the Satyagrahis headed by Sadhu Vaswani collected in Khalicdina Hall, wherefrom they proposed to proceed to the Secretariat. Three lorries of police headed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police and other officials put a cordon round them, and those who attempted to defy the order by going in a procession were arrested.

The arrested persons were removed in a lorry.—United Press.

MONEY-LENDERS IN KOLHAPUR

Law To Prevent Harassment Of Debtors

(From Our Correspondent.)

KOLHAPUR, March 23.

With a view effectively to stop the brutal harassment of farmers and workers by Pathan money-lenders in this State the Kolhapur Durbar has passed a law which is published in to-day's State Gazette forbidding all Pathans from torturing their victims for recovering their debts on penalty of six months' rigorous imprisonment with or without Rs. 500 fine.

This law will be called the "Parasth Pathan Soukari Pratibandhak Kayada of 1939."

It forbids Pathans from making any property in the State. They can carry their business only after getting yearly permits from the Districts Magistrate Kolhapur.

25 WOMEN POLITICALS RELEASED

JAIPUR, March 24.

Twenty-five arrested women were released from the Central Jail this morning. They were received by Mr. Deshpande, Mrs. Ratan Sastri and other Mandal workers at the jail gate. The released women were garlanded on coming out of the jail.—A.P.

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the current year amount to 261.41 lakhs from which the Palace civil list is just over ten lakhs. There is no reason, therefore, why Gandhiji should not finally renounce a technique which whenever and wherever it is attempted has led to much avoidable disturbance of orderly progress, a disturbance which is especially to be lamented during a period of economic depression."—A. P.

C. P.'s Reply To Gandhiji

Compares His Special Police With Congress Volunteers

TRIVANDRUM, March 24.

Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, Dewan of Travancore, has issued the following statement:—

"It is a matter for satisfaction that Gandhiji has instructed his followers to suspend the proposed campaign of civil disobedience. There are, however, certain observations contained in his very recent statement which need reply.

"Gandhiji refers to the allegation that the Travancore Government (the word 'Durbar) is not used in South Indian States) have drafted untrained raw men as police in order to strike terror among the satyagrahis. Here again Gandhiji has been misled. It is not with a view to strike terror, but to protect the lives and properties of the inhabitants of the State that it has become necessary to increase the police by recruiting special corps.

As Gandhiji knows, this procedure is prevalent, world-wide in times of disturbance The persons he refers to as raw untrained' are so exactly in the same sense as Congress volunteers are untrained and raw.

At every session of the Indian National Congress unstinted and deserved tributes are paid to them as to the manner wherein after very little training these raw men acquit themselves in the matter of preserving peace and maintaining order.

Such enlistment takes place also during many festivals and "melas" throughout India. The only difference is that these men in Travancore have, on account of the present economic depression, to be paid a maintenance was as Congress and other organisations have paid to their volunteers.

It may be added these men are drafted to do work only after intensive, though short, training.

Gandhiji also adverts to some "inhumanities" which I repudiate if the expression is intended to refer to the Travancore Government. There have been no inhumanities whatsoever excepting on the part of some mobs incited to violence during the last civil disobedience campaign who felled trees and with them blocked roads, broke down bridges and culverts, burnt motor omnibuses and motor cars of police officers and others, set fire to a factory and murdered and maimed some persons.

In this connection I rest content with quoting the words of that very efficient administrator, Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, the premier of Madras who speaking on 22nd March in the Madras Legislative Assembly stated "if they had to govern and if they had to confess to their shame that there was still violence in the country, there was need for counter-violence on the part of the Government." Mr. Rajagopalachari added "we have not been able to discover the technique by which we can get over violence without violence on our own part." These truths are elementary though often forgotten. Such violence as was necessary in Travancore has not been inhuman in any sense.

I take it also that there is no reference to Travancore in Gandhiji's mention of the recent Viceregal message to Princes. His Excellency after emphasising that the form of the constitution to be adopted by any State is entirely in the wise discretion of the ruler concerned pointed out the need for administrative efficiency and obligation to keep in touch with he needs of the people.

Regarding this, it is a well-known fact that the administrative organisation and standards prevalent in this State, its acknowledgedly sound financial status, the control exercised by the Legislature and its Committees over public expenditure have placed the state behind none of the presidencies or provinces of British India and ahead of many. It will also be remembered that the budget estimates for

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COMMON HIGH COURT AND POLICE ADMINISTRATION

Resident's Scheme For Central India States

JHANSI, March 24

Details of the scheme suggested by Mr. K. S. Fitze, the Resident for the Central India States, to the Bundelkhand and Bhaghelkhand States at a recent conference at Nowgong for the establishment of a common High Court and Police Administration are now available

The scheme suggests the appointment by the States of a committee which select the High Court Judges and supervise their work with authority to dismiss them if necessary.

The Judges in turn besides hearing appeals will also advise the Rulers regarding judicial administration.

A similar committee will be appointed by the States for the unification of the Police Administration.

It is understood that the Resident has given the Princes on their own request, more time to consider these proposals.

It is learnt that conferences are being held this week at Bhopal and Indore where the Rulers of the Central India and Malwa States respectively will discuss the same proposals.—A.P.

JAIPUR COMES TO NORMAL

JAIPUR, March 23.

All the six Muslims who were arrested last night were released this afternoon on furnishing security to keep peace. A huge crowd welcomed them in front of Jama Masjid where Mr. Abdussamad explained the position to the audience. The city is normal. Tongas and Ekkas are plying.—A. P.

BANGALORE.—It is considered likely that Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and Mr. Parameswaran Pillai of Travancore may attend the Mysore Congress session to be held this year at Viduraswatham.

HYDERABAD GOVERNMENT ASSURES EQUAL TREATMENT TO ALL

Demonstration Postponed: Communique Welcomed

(From Our Correspondent)

HYDERABAD, RESY. Mar. 24.

The stir which was created by the announcement in certain sections of Muslims that they would proceed in thousands to Sir Akber Hydari's residence and request him to postpone the announcement or the proposed reforms has been eased to a considerable extent by the publication of the communique which stated "Government was taking into full account the rights privileges and interests of all sections of its people and that no section need apprehend an ultimate outcome which would ignore the claims of any section entitled to consideration."

Several Muslims had also arrived at the station yesterday to participate in the demonstration and meeting of the Working Committee of the Anjuman Ithihadul Musalmin held last night till late hours to discuss the pros and cons of the Government communique and after a great discussion it was resolved to postpone the demonstration

The statement by the Secretary of the Anjuman states that Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung Bahadur was given an interview by Sir Akbar Hydari, President of the Executive Council, and during the conversation the Nawab placed the Muslim grievances before Sir Akbar as a result of these talks the Anjuman postponed the demonstrations and instead resolved to wait in deputation on Sir Akber.

Several Muslim papers come out with special editions to-day and the "Rahberi-Deccan" in the course of an editorial says the question of reforms was a question of life and death with the Anjuman as regard Muslim interests and therefore it wanted to place its objections before Government. The paper while thanking Sir Akber says the word "Privileges" mentioned in the communique is there to appease the Muslim.

CHARLIE CHAN & SON

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You are well acquainted with the past exploits of that indomitable detective, Charlie Chan. His "No. 1 son," Lee, is also numbered among your old friends. But you are not yet acquainted with Kirk Barrow, Chan's handsome young assistant who makes girls' hearts skip a beat. Nor will you know what MYSTERY, LOVE and ACTION are in a comic strip until you read CHARLIE CHAN which begins next Wednesday on this page.

Edgar Wallace's Detective Story Day By Day

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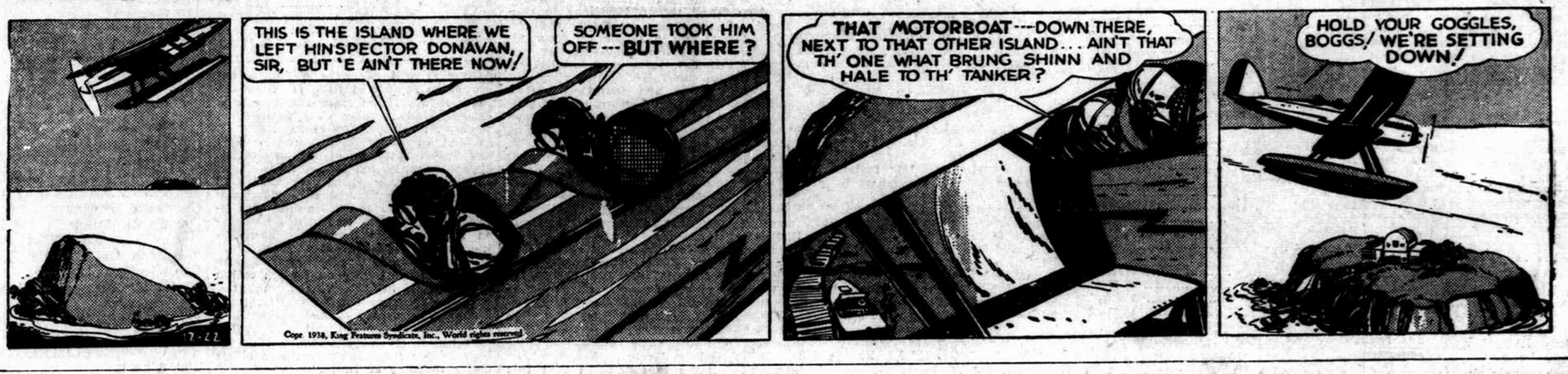
THIS IS THE ISLAND WHERE WE LEFT HINSPECTOR DONAVAN, SIR, BUT 'E AIN'T THERE NOW!
SOMEONE TOOK HIM OFF --- BUT WHERE?
THAT MOTORBOAT --- DOWN THERE, NEXT TO THAT OTHER ISLAND... AIN'T THAT TH' ONE WHAT BRUNG SHINN AND HALE TO TH' TANKER?
HOLD YOUR GOGGLES, BOGGS! WE'RE SETTING DOWN!
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